

NAZI-ALLIED BATTLE RAGES IN BELGIUM

British 'Defense' Laws Scored as Gag on Nation

Brutal Penalties Against All Who Oppose War Hit by Organization

By Phillip Balover
(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

LONDON, May 12.—The National Council for Civil Liberties today energetically protested the new defense regulations which apply drastic penalties for opposition to the war.

The regulations provide for penalties up to seven years imprisonment and five hundred pounds fine for any person concerned with the systematic publication of matter "calculated to foment opposition" to the war. After a warning, any person publishing "orally or otherwise" such matter will be prosecuted.

"The regulations bring back to Britain," the Civil Liberties Council declared, "provisions for the penalization of expressions of opinion unknown since the days of Charles I." The Council recognizes that the government must have special powers to deal with espionage, but states that such legislation interfering unnecessarily with the basic principles of freedom of expression are intolerable.

"Regulations unlike those of the last war," the Council adds, "make the expression of reasoned opinion honestly held an offense punishable by penal servitude. They are so loosely drawn that, for example, Quakers could be prosecuted for the expression of their religious convictions within their own meeting houses and a parent who advises his son not to become an air raid warden is liable to two years imprisonment. Innocent printers can be penalized by the confiscation of their printing presses and premises.

"Thus the government is setting up a censorship which is not the less strict for being indirect. Unless the withdrawal of these regulations can be secured, traditional British liberty and freedom will be swept away."

The Ministry of Information has now issued an order forbidding the export of the Daily Worker. The workers press in many parts of the dominions and colonies of the British Empire have been regularly publishing material from the Daily Worker since the war began and lies and propaganda of the official press have frequently been unmasked in this way. Now the government is stopping this "gap" in the censorship. The government is determined to prevent any information to the war from leaking out to workers of other countries.

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MOTHERS MARCH AGAINST WAR

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., May 12.—Marching with grim set faces and a firm determination that aroused the attention of the entire city, the working wives and mothers of thousands of automobile workers today commemorated Mothers Day here with a splendid parade and demonstration against any attempt at America's entrance into the imperialist war.

Marching into historic Cadillac Square, the scene of many great labor rallies, the women showed by the hundreds of slogans and banners they carried that they clearly understood the meaning of the present imperialist war and the danger of America's involvement.

In the forefront of the parade were groups from the American Student Union, marching with banners that brought cheer after cheer: "Let us live in life before we learn to die—Give us jobs over here, not guns over there—There is no future for us youth in Flanders Fields—Useful jobs over here, not a useless death over there."

Chicago Steel Union Parley Starts Tuesday

SWOC Delegates Meet at Critical Moment in Life of Labor, Nation

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Ill., May 12.—While steel magnates greedily eye the spread of the Imperialist war in Europe, and lick their chops in anticipation of America's entry into the slaughter, representatives of the nation's steel workers will meet here next Tuesday in what promises to be a historic session.

When the four-day second wage and policy convention of the CIO steel workers organizing committee gets under way at 10 AM Tuesday at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago's Loop, the hundreds of delegates will face the task confronting all U. S. labor and the American people—to keep America out of the war and to defeat the schemes of the merchants of death in Washington and on Wall Street.

Since the first wage and policy convention of the SWOC in December, 1937, the entire international situation, and consequently the domestic situation in the United States, has sharply changed, and the steel trust moguls, between hopes of more war and more profits—for them—are nervously watching the coming proceedings of the steel union delegates.

THE EXPECTED PROGRAM

The question of the fight against war, in cooperation with the rest of labor, the farmers and other democratic sections of the American people, is of prime importance for the steel workers. And in line with this struggle for peace, the following points will undoubtedly come up, as indicated by the resolutions and program of the SWOC district convention at Joliet, Ill., last month:

1—Completion of the organization of the unorganized steel workers, and consolidation and strengthening of the union.

2—Upward adjustment of the national wage scale.

3—Support of the CIO legislative program, and of John L. Lewis' anti-war stand.

4—Need of complete unity of the ranks of all steel workers around such a program, in the fight for the vital needs of the workers.

To spur the 100 per cent unionization of the steel workers in their struggle against the war—preparatory drive of monopoly capital against the people's living standards, labor organizations and civil liberties, the Joliet district convention urged an intensive organizing drive in steel. This recommendation will be reflected in the deliberations of the convention.

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SWELL THE PROTESTS AGAINST ROOSEVELT'S WAR SPEECHES • An Editorial

STEPHEN EARLY, speaking for President Roosevelt yesterday, had to admit that messages had been received expressing alarm over the President's war-inciting speech to the American Scientific Congress Saturday.

He tried to cover up by mentioning only those who sent "praise" of the address. But it was admitted that at least "10 per cent" of the comments expressed uneasiness. If Early admitted this much, the percentage must have been higher.

Whatever "praise" there was came from the assorted war-mongers of Wall Street and from the flunkies of American imperialism in Latin America. Their sentiments are a dangerous libel upon the overwhelming anti-war feelings of the American people and upon the peace sentiments of our Latin-American neighbors.

Roosevelt's statement to the Belgian King Leopold, indicting the German imperialist bandits while completely whitewashing the Allied imperialist robbers, was equally a violation of this country's neutrality.

Coming from the head of a government, it was more than a statement. It was a deed, an act—taking this country to the edge of the abyss of war. If Roosevelt continues such messages as these—while he furnishes planes, materials, and munitions to the Allied bandits—it won't

be long before American families will find their husbands and sons marching into the trenches.

Early's remarks were an insult to the American people. He lashed the "10 per cent" opposed to Roosevelt's war declarations and war moves. "Go back into the text of his speech (before the American Scientific Congress) and see why he was mad," Early angrily snorted at the reporters. This is equivalent to saying: to hell with what the people think of Roosevelt's driving haste to involve America.

The people should answer Early's insulting remarks with letters, telegrams and resolutions to President Roosevelt making clear the country's opposition to his steps leading America into war.

They should demand an end to the White House's unneutral speeches, messages and statements. Send letters to your Congressman and Senators urging a halt to loans, credits, munitions, and every other step toward the spilling of American blood in the imperialist slaughter.

Labor, which has declared its opposition to American participation in the war on so many occasions, must show more than ever that it wants no part of the bloody carnage of the imperialists. It must raise its voice before it's too late!

CIO Condemns Gearing Nation To War Trade

Proposes Business, Gov't Center Attention on Solving Unemployment

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The CIO warned today against the "serious consequences" of continued emphasis on war trade instead of WPA appropriations and similar steps to aid the unemployed.

In its monthly bulletin, "The Economic Outlook," the CIO declared that the reliance of many business and government officials on war orders has the following effects:

1. It withdraws attention from domestic policies for the improvement of employment and production.

2. It creates false hopes that the growth of war exports will provide a stimulus to domestic industry sufficient to raise it from its present low level.

3. It leads to a desire for measures for extending credit to belligerents and for shipping American goods abroad into war areas in American ships.

The CIO estimated that unemployment for March was 11,577,000 which represented a decrease of less than two and a half per cent from the February figure of 11,871,000.

"Employment in the manufacturing industries and in mining actually decreased 60,000 in the face of the usual rise of 90,000 at this time of year," The Economic Outlook said. "This fall again indicates that enormous increased ex-

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Garment Union Parley Opens Today Here

(Special to the Daily Worker)

The Silver Jubilee Convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of the CIO opens at Madison Square Garden today at 9:30 A.M. The day will be devoted to greetings and an elaborate musical program, ending with a banquet at St. George Hotel in Brooklyn to welcome the delegates.

Starting Tuesday morning, the regular convention sessions, to continue until May 24, will be transferred to Manhattan Center, 34th St. and Eighth Ave.

Among those scheduled to address the convention at the opening session are Senator Robert Wagner, Mayor LaGuardia, Sydney Hillman, general president, and Joseph Schlossberg, general secretary-treasurer, of the ACW.

Father, John P. Boland of the State Labor Relations Board will deliver the invocation.

The two-week convention arrangements call for a list of many labor leaders to appear before it.

John L. Lewis is to speak next Friday morning.

The convention arrangements committee has offices at the Hotel New Yorker where incoming delegates have been streaming in to register.

The convention will register a high point in the union's 25 years of progress to the present membership of 250,000.

Both War Camps Foe of Jews, Browder Declares

Garden Rally Gives Freiheit Editor Novick Ovation; He Warns Jews to Beware of War as Road to Catastrophe

By Lawrence Emery

Crowded to capacity, Madison Square Garden Saturday night echoed with a tremendous six-minute standing ovation to Earl Browder when he stepped on the platform to deliver the main address at the celebration of the Eighteenth Anniversary of the Morning Freiheit, America's only Jewish newspaper representing the interests of the people.

The great meeting was a fighting demonstration of the determination of the Jewish people to stay out of the imperialist war, and was a dramatic repudiation of the efforts of Jewish Social-Democrats to plunge the Jewish people into the war at the cost of their own existence as a people.

Although the huge hall rang and shook with shouts and applause as Browder made his appearance, it settled into a profound and solemn silence as he began his speech by declaring that "Yesterday the imperialist war was again extended to drag into its bloody shambles the people of Holland and Belgium."

"If the peoples do not quickly find a way to stop the war, over the heads of their governments, it will tomorrow drag other lands into the slaughter."

"And with every new extension of the war," he warned, "the danger grows that the rulers of the United States, our economic royalists and their political agents, will drive our own country into this senseless mass murder, to help decide which gang of imperialist bandits shall be the boss."

"Already," Browder pointed out, "President Roosevelt has reduced American neutrality to the level of Mussolini's 'non-belligerence,' and tied America to the Allies by political and economic chains which become heavier each day. Last night the country was warned to prepare for more active involvement in this imperialist war."

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FLYNN ASSAILS A.C.L.U. AS UNDEMOCRATIC

In a sharply worded letter to the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn indignantly rejected the status of "second-class membership" for Communists in the Union. She declared that to deny Communists representation on the Union's governing body is analogous to the position of the Negro people in the South—a "second-class citizenship, allowed to work but not to vote."

"It is analogous to the deprivation of civil rights to German citizens because they are Jews," she continued. "It is analogous to the Government's position in effect, in the Schneiderman case, where a Communist is to be deprived of a naturalized citizenship while the right of a native-born citizen to be a Communist is not denied. It is analogous to the Devaney Law recently passed in New York State denying Communists the right to hold public office."

"Today it's Communists; tomorrow it may be Negroes, Jews or Catholics, depending on the temper, prejudices, and panic of future Board members," she warned.

The Board of Directors of the A.C.L.U. recently voted to expel Miss Flynn, a founding member of the A.C.L.U., because of her membership in the Communist Party.

Miss Flynn asserted today that Roger N. Baldwin, A.C.L.U. director, had written her on May 9 assuring her of her right to vote with the Executive Board pending action by the National Committee on her ouster. In the vote on her expulsion, however, Miss Flynn was not permitted to cast any ballot.

She charged that this was a flagrant violation of her rights as a Board member.

The text of her letter is attached.

"Board of Directors, A.C.L.U., 31 Union Square West, New York, N. Y."

Prominent Liberals Blast Dies Committee

Calls for Investigation Into Violations of Civil Liberties

(Special to the Daily Worker)

One hundred and forty-eight American educators, churchmen, scientists and civic leaders have called upon Attorney General Robert H. Jackson to investigate violations of the Constitution by agents of the Dies Committee. It was announced yesterday by Alfred Z. Stern, chairman of the National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights and Rosale Manning, chairman of its New York affiliate, the Greater New York Conference for Inalienable Rights.

The demand was made in an open letter to the Attorney General in which Mr. Jackson was reminded that in 1920 similar constitutional violations by Attorney General Palmer had been condemned by 12 prominent jurists including the present Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard Law School, and Ernest Freund.

Among the signers of the recent condemnation of the activities of the Dies Committee are Dr. William A. Neilson, President Emeritus of Smith College; Dr. Mary A. Woolley, President Emeritus of Mt. Holyoke College; Prof. E. A. Ross, National Chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union; Prof. Harold C. Urey of Columbia, Nobel Prize Winner in chemistry; Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale; Dr. Franz Boas, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, Columbia; Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, foreign secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; Dr. Guy Emery Shipley, editor of "The Churchman"; Carey McWilliams, Commissioner of Housing and Immigration, California; Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs of Manhattan; Deputy Commissioner of Welfare

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Nazis Checked Near Liege, Belgians Say

BULLETIN

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN BELGIUM, May 12 (UP).—A great battle was developing tonight on the Belgian front, toward which British mechanized forces were pouring in an unending stream.

The Germans were reported to be throwing the full might of their war machine into a struggle which refugees from the war zone said was working up to a tempo of "terrific fury."

BRUSSELS, May 12 (UP).—Belgian troops are "standing their ground" in the Liege defense triangle after arrival of strong British and French forces and have shattered the Germans' attempt to strike into the interior from the Albert Canal, the High Command reported tonight.

The communique said that about 120 German planes, bombing and machine-gunning the Belgian frontier defenses, had been shot down. Premier Hubert Pierlot said that 100 of the enemy planes fell in a "huge" air battle.

Pierlot said that swarms of Nazi tanks had pierced the Belgian defenses at the Albert Canal and in Luxembourg province to the southeast. Part of the province is in German hands, he said.

Tonight's War Office communique said that French troops had "successfully" counter-attacked enemy units.

Berlin Says Army Has Seized Big Dutch Area

BERLIN, May 12 (UP).—The High Command claimed tonight that German armies had smashed through the first of Belgian and Netherlands main defense lines and seized the entire northeastern third of Holland.

German forces on the third day of the Lowland blitzkrieg were said to have driven deeply into the fortifications of the key Belgian city of Liege, crossed northern Holland to the coast and smashed to the heart of the country south of the Zuider Zee.

"The German attack in the west is making rapid progress along the entire front, in close cooperation between the air force and army," a communique said.

The aerial onslaught was said to have accounted for 58 enemy planes, the sinking of a British cruiser in the North Sea, and damaging of an "enemy" destroyer, three transports and a tanker.

The High Command reported that German units hammering through south Belgium had advanced rapidly in the face of determined opposition.

Occupation of the northern Netherlands province of Groningen was claimed to have been consummated by a German thrust all the way across the northern bulge of the country to Harlingen on the North Sea.

Hague, Rotterdam Afire; Allies Bomb Nazi Posts

AMSTERDAM, May 12 (UP).—Parts of Rotterdam and The Hague were in flames tonight after Nazi aerial attacks extending throughout Holland, while at the Yssel River stubbornly fighting Dutch troops fell back under heavy enemy blows.

Allied and German planes battled above clouds of smoke over The Hague and Rotterdam while at Amsterdam seven air raid alarms drove residents to shelters and the rumbling thuds of bursting bombs and noise of anti-aircraft fire came from the outskirts.

Tremendous fires blazed in Rotterdam as Dutch defenders struggled to dislodge attacking Germans from the right flank of the Maas River.

WITH THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, IN FRANCE, May 12 (UP).—Nine British planes fought off more than 30 German Messerschmitts in a terrific air battle over the Belgian front today while bombing behind the German lines.

The British fighters swept behind the German lines at dawn and dove toward the Nazi concentrations. Fires caused from bombing and heavy shelling guided the R.A.F. planes.

With machine guns sputtering, the R.A.F. fleet dived on the German land forces which scattered for shelter. It was reported today that 20,000 British troops were rushed to the aid of Dutch soldiers defending their land and flood-water defense lines.

Italy Calls Reservists; Britain Hunts 'Aliens'

ROME, May 12 (UP).—The government today announced that four new classes of reservists totalling about 1,000,000 men have been called to the colors, amid increasing hints that Italy is on the verge of entering the war. The new classes are expected to bring the number of Italian soldiers under arms to about 2,000,000.

LONDON, May 12 (UP).—The new government of Prime Minister Winston Churchill today began a nationwide roundup of "enemy aliens" and placed Americans and other foreigners under strict curfew.

Karelo-Soviet Deputies



Photo above shows two deputies in the Soviet of Nationalities representing the Karelo-Finnish Soviet Republic. They are M. Kostina, left, and B. Vedenev.

Karelo-Finnish Soviets Prepare To Elect Deputies

Machine Building Plant in Petrozavodsk Nominate Stalin to Supreme Soviet; Entire Population Swing Into Action

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, May 12.—Preparations for election of deputies to the Supreme Soviets of the USSR and the Karelo-Finnish Soviet Socialist Republic are in full swing in the towns and villages of the young Union Republic.

A group of 1,500 workers, engineers and office employees of the Onega machine-building plant, the biggest in Petrozavodsk, nominated Stalin as their candidate to the Supreme Soviet of the Karelo-Finnish Republic.

Speaking in Finnish, the fitter Malmer declared that Stalin helped the Karelian and Finnish people of the Soviet Union to turn their republic into a flourishing land with a rapidly developing industry, forestry and collective agriculture.

The meeting also put forward the candidacy of the director of the plant, Bryzgalov, who only recently still worked as an electrical fitter in the plant.

The workers nominated as their candidate for deputy to the Council of Nationalities, Lehen, who since childhood devoted himself to the revolutionary struggle of the Finnish people and courageously fought in the ranks of the Red Army.

WRITER NOMINATED

Lehen is editor-in-chief of the Karelo-Finnish state publishing house. Also nominated was Eljia, a writer for the Finnish language paper of the Republic.

At an election meeting of a tank unit on the Karelian Isthmus, Mikhail Kalinin, president of the U. S. S. R., was nominated as a candidate for deputy to the Supreme Soviet of the Karelo-Finnish U. S. S. R.

Kalinin visited Vilpuri yesterday to distribute government orders and medals awarded to Red Army men and commanders for exemplary performance of battle tasks and valor displayed in fighting against the Finnish White-Guards.

The workers, farmers and intellectuals of the Karelo-Finnish USSR are sending their best sons to the Supreme Soviets, persons who have shown lifelong devotion to the people and ability to perform the work in the economic and cultural fields facing the republic.

RECONSTRUCTION

Most immediate of these tasks is in the shortest time to restore economic activity in the districts which suffered from the war. A great deal has already been done. Electric power stations, saw mills, tanneries and other plants are already operating. The post, telegraphic and telephonic communications are working, a railroad line has been laid between Petrozavodsk and Suojärvi, and dining halls, stores, libraries and hospitals are open.

A group of collective farmers put forward Sukkijainen as a candidate for deputy to the Council of Nationalities. Sukkijainen could aspire to a position of a people's legislator only under Soviet power.

After becoming a teacher, he continued his political activity and today is a secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Karelo-Finnish U. S. S. R.

Other meetings put forward the candidacies of the Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Karelo-Finnish U. S. S. R., Kupriyanov, and Academician Vedenev, the leading Soviet hydroelectrician.

Workers of the Petrozavodsk ski factory named as their candidate the Finn Weikuri, son of a Finnish railroad worker who suffered all the horrors of unemployment, starvation and injustices in capitalist Finland.

FESTIVITIES IN KARELIAN CAPITAL

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, May 12.—The third day of nominations for candidates to the Supreme Soviet of the U. S. S. R. and Karelo-Finnish Republic in towns, collective farms and military units of the Karelo-Finnish Republic was marked by continued enthusiasm.

The voters will elect one deputy to the Supreme Soviet, 25 deputies to the Soviet of Nationalities of the Supreme Soviet of the U. S. S. R. and 125 deputies to the Su-

Philippine Seamen in Union Drive

Ask Unity in Campaign to Improve Conditions and Boost Wages

MANILA, Philippine Islands (By Mail (ICN)).—The Philippine Seamen and Dockers' Union, in a call for unity of all workers in the maritime industry, has launched a campaign for higher wages, shorter working hours and for a general improvement in economic conditions.

Martin Bautista, General Secretary of the Philippine Seamen and Dockers' Union, in a recent statement declared that the workers in the maritime industry suffer under impossible conditions of work. The general average monthly wage for seamen, he pointed out, is only \$12 for a working day of 10 to 14 hours. He revealed that there is actually no fixed time of work; the workers must always be on call, in port or at sea.

The food for seamen, his statement showed, is inadequate and of low quality. Living quarters for the crew are intolerable.

A worker who has no "pull" with officials of the ship companies can rarely get a job. A seaman or longshoreman found opposing bad working conditions or abuses is discharged and has no redress.

The few labor laws that have been passed are openly violated or interpreted in favor of the employer and to the detriment of the worker. Bautista points out that the Compensation Law has so many loopholes that the employer can evade his obligation to his employee. Act 213 grants the right of collective bargaining through duly recognized labor unions, but this right is nullified whenever the employer objects to entering into a collective bargaining contract.

The Philippine Seamen and Dockers' Union, Bautista declared, is conducting a drive to organize the unorganized and is carrying on propaganda activities among the other maritime organizations which are in fact company unions under reactionary leadership and controlled by the employers.

A special agitatorial train for the election campaign has been organized in Petrozavodsk in accordance with the decision of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Karelo-Finnish Republic.

The train is equipped with club carriage, an auditorium seating 2,000, a library car, reading room, a sound film projector and a radio broadcasting station.

Lectures on the international situation, the writings of Stalin, the Soviet Constitution and the electoral law, will be arranged for voters during train tours through the country.

The train also carries a group of actors from the Karelian drama theatre and concert performers. The train left today for Viborg, Kexholm, Serebolsk and Suojärvi.

Urges Relief For Student War Victims

European Relief Fund Leaders Reaffirm Anti-War Stand

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

Denying charges that they "sabotaged" humanitarian relief efforts, the former officers and members of the European Student Service Fund and International Student Service today issued a statement declaring: "We can and must help the students of other countries, who are at once the victims and the forces to end this war. Relief for these students is a paramount obligation which students on the American campus must unite to fulfill."

The statement called for support of the Far Eastern Student Service Fund and the Youth Campaign of the North American Spanish Aid Committee, which they declared are two impeccable organizations in the student field aiding "the first victims of war."

Today's statement was issued by Catherine Deeny, former Executive Secretary, and Ellen Hays, Corresponding Secretary, of the European Student Service Fund, Harper W. Poulson, former Secretary of International Student Service, and others.

Declaring that preventing our involvement in the European war is the paramount task of America today, they called for "the swift concentration of a student peace movement in America—impatient enough, intelligent enough and strong enough to influence those who govern this country. The real hope of this movement is the day to day study of understanding, the cumulative daily action, that can assert in practice the simple, yet profound desire of one million American students, who in April's actions declared their longing to live at peace. The European young people's hopes spill out today on the battlefields. We American students must push aside the bayonet which is pointed at our future and our lives."

"Because we know our duty to the students of other lands, because we want a rebirth of freedom and life for Europe's peoples, we must oppose with all our might every step which might prove to be the one to suck us into that maelstrom of destruction."

8,000 British Vote for Stop War Candidate

LONDON, May 12.—More than eight thousand British voters, casting their ballots against the war on the day the war with Germany spread into the Low Countries, yesterday voted for Annie Maxton, the stop-the-war candidate, in a parliamentary by-election.

Major E. G. R. Lloyd, Conservative, won by 34,316 votes in a special election to fill the seat of the Marquess of Clydesdale, who entered the House of Lords on becoming the Duke of Hamilton. Neither the Labor nor Liberal parties contested the Conservative's election. Miss Maxton received 8,206 votes.

Rex Sail for Italy

The Italian liner Rex sailed on schedule yesterday for Naples and Genoa with 200 passengers—48 of them Americans—aboard.

Says Huge Anti-War Struggle Looms in Japan

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, May 12.—A prediction that "great events are maturing" in Japan was made Saturday by a leading Japanese anti-war fighter who arrived at Kweilin, Kwangsi province.

Sakamoto Hideo, head of a delegation of 44 representatives of the Japanese Anti-War League, which made its way to Kweilin, declared that "great events are maturing in Japan as a result of the growing anti-war feeling and the worsening of the economic position of Japan. Japan's armed forces are becoming weaker. China, on the contrary, is the scene of growing unity."

USSR-Yugoslavia Trade Pact \$3,500,000 Yearly

Each Nation Agrees to Send Trade Delegations as Pact Provides for Basic Reciprocal Business

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, May 12.—A trade and navigation agreement between the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia was concluded here yesterday with an attached protocol providing for a Soviet trade delegation in Yugoslavia and a Yugoslav trade delegation in the USSR. The agreement provides for a total turnover between the U. S. S. R. and Yugoslavia in 1940-41 amounting to 178,000,000 dinars (approximately \$3,500,000). The Soviet Union plans to import from Yugoslavia copper, lead, zinc ore, concentrates, lead and other commodities, and to export to Yugoslavia cotton, kerosene, agricultural and other machinery.

The agreement was signed on behalf of the USSR by People's Commissar of Foreign Trade Mikoyan, and on behalf of Yugoslavia by ex-Finance Minister Jorjevic and assistant Minister of Commerce and Industry, Obradovich.

Flynn Assails Ouster

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open to Communists as to all others, as it has always been. The sole issue is the integrity of the controlling committee of the Union. "I protest against this statement, for the appeal record, to reach the membership of the A. C. L. U. and the press. Is this actually a part of your official statement or one of Mr. Baldwin's glib and gratuitous comments? But since he is your Director and you have neither corrected nor repudiated this statement, I take it for granted it expresses your view.

"I do not know how many Communists are now members of the A. C. L. U. But if there are five or five hundred, this means they can pay their dues, work hard for the Union, but are denied representation on its governing body. Taxation without representation caused the Boston Tea Party. This should cause more than a tempest in the teapot of the A. C. L. U. It is analogous to the position of the Negro people in the South—a second-class citizenship, allowed to work but not to vote. It is a second-class membership, or, in effect, the 'tolerated membership,' now applied to your membership as a whole, to which Mr. Baldwin claimed I was relegated on the Board. It is analogous to the deprivation of civil rights to German citizens because they are Jews! It is analogous to the Government's position in effect, in the Schneiderman case, where a Communist is

to be deprived of a naturalized citizenship while the right of a native-born citizen to be a Communist is not denied. It is analogous to the Deny Law recently passed in N. Y. State denying Communists the right to hold public positions.

"Yet are not only depriving me of my seat on the Board but you have deprived all of your membership of the right to be represented on the Board by persons of their choice, and some to even be elected to the Board. You are excluding from your Board a definite category of your own membership. Today it's Communists, tomorrow it may be Negroes, Jews or Catholics, depending on the temper, prejudices and panic of future Board members!

"To see the A. C. L. U. come to this pass will be the cause of great hilarity to your enemies. It is a tragedy to your friends and to all those who, in the past, looked to you for defense of exactly those rights you now scuttle so completely in your own organization.

"The A. C. L. U. should set an example of democracy, broad tolerance and full exercise of civil liberties within its organization, by which the country can judge its firm faith in these principles. Today, you say rather, 'Don't do what I do! Do what I say!' I fear you will do the horse laugh from the American public, and find that 'By their deeds ye shall know them!'

"Sincerely yours,
"Elizabeth Gurley Flynn."

CITRINE LIBEL VERDICT AGAINST BRITISH DAILY WORKER PART OF DRIVE ON LABOR

By A. Claire

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, May 12.—Once, a long time ago, in old feudal, barbarian Russia a Russian noblewoman turned to Tsar Nicholas I with a complaint that she had been grossly insulted by some officers. The omnipotent autocrat thought it over and wrote on the complaint: "Still considered a maiden."

Sir Walter Citrine, leader of the British trade unions turned to the class court of the British bourgeoisie to restore his outraged "innocence" by means of a suit against the Daily Worker.

The Communist labor paper was guilty of calling the activity of the esteemed baronet by its proper name without that diplomacy which Citrine learned in the salons of the highly placed patrons: "Wholesale and piecemeal betrayal of the vital interests of the working class."

The British judges have acted in the manner of the Russian Tsar: they granted Walter Citrine \$200 as compensation for his violated "honor," which apparently is the present exchange rate for the 30 pieces of silver that once a certain Judas received.

AIDS CAPITALISTS

As far as the British bourgeoisie is concerned the deal was quite advantageous: Walter Citrine's "honor" does not run so high if one hears in mind that the profits of the principal corporations in Britain amounted to \$130,726,000 during the first three months of 1940 as against \$125,000,000 last year. Imperial Chemical Industries alone, thanks in no

small measure to the activity of the Citrines, made \$9,813,000 pounds in war profits.

But can this fig leaf of a \$200 check conceal from the British working class such infernal machinations as the plan of the Labor Party? And are these facts any less significant—such facts as the expulsion of the University Labor Federation and a number of Labor Party locals from the party, or the entry of a number of local leaders of the Labor Party organizations into the camp of the opponents of war?

It was not for nothing that the same Citrine recently had to speak over the radio against the critics who cannot agree with the theory and practice of civil peace practiced by the Labor Party leadership. As a matter of fact the results of eight months of war have been far from favorable for its British initiators, and the failures that they have suffered one after another have made the leaders of British imperialism come out more into the open.

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OPENLY IMPERIALIST

They no longer talk of "ideological" warfare, of war for "security" of Europe, but loudly demand that all the neutral countries be drawn into war and new battlegrounds to be formed. Although the hypocritical talk about "the welfare of the German toilers" still figured in the October manifesto of the Labor Party in the so-called "aims of the war," the Labor Party, faithful to its masters, has now changed his tune.

In his May Day speech to the Labor Party, its leader undertook the direct defense of the proponents of British world domination and threatened the German workers with fire and sword. Now the

Hunan Chinese Fight While They Build

Army Battles Foe on Northeast Border, Construct in Rear

CHUNGKING (By Mail).—While fighting on its northeastern border, Hunan Province is carrying on reconstruction work at the rear with equal intensity. Everywhere in the province, which not long ago was the scene of China's biggest victory since the famous Tairhchwang battle, farmers are sweating from dawn to dusk, factories are buzzing with activities and new mines are being excavated to meet the nation's call for increasing production. In the western part of the province, away from the rich rice-producing regions along the Tungting Lake, the largest water reservoir in China proper, the Hunan authorities are launching a cotton-planting program.

In one district alone the area of cooperative cotton-farms has exceeded 43,000 mou. The working stations of the provincial farm improvement bureau have purchased best cotton seeds for distribution among the farmers. In addition to the existing cotton farms, 200,000 more mou of land will be devoted to cotton growing. The production is expected to meet the demand in the Hunan Cotton Mill No. 1, which was established with government assistance.

36 DISTRICTS HELPED

Ranked as the second largest rice-producing province in Free China, Hunan emphasizes crop improvement and reclamation of uncultivated land. No less than 5,400 piculs of superior seeds were spread over 90,000 mou of land during 1939. Another 116,000 mou of rice fields were also afforded better farming methods last year through a special grant of \$46,300 from the Central Agricultural Improvement Bureau.

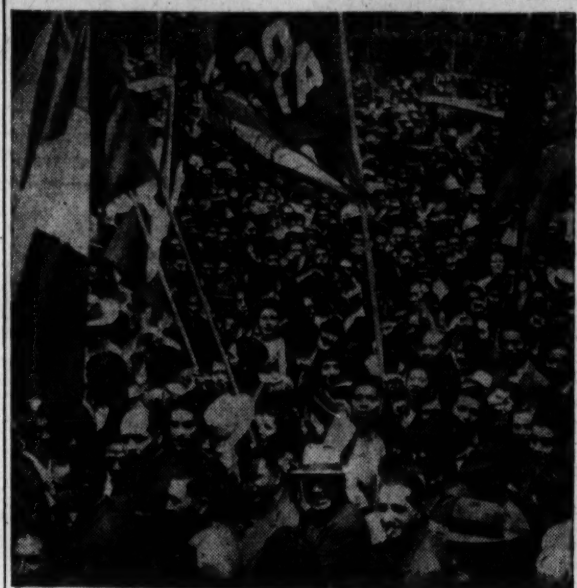
At the same time, more than thirty districts have been assisted by the provincial authorities to increase the quantity of winter crops. Some 94,500 mou of hitherto uncultivated land were utilized last year, but 30,000,000 more mou in the province still await development.

Hunan is an important wood oil producing province. In addition to four model districts for growing wood oil trees, a movement to encourage cultivation of this useful plant in every village and town has been launched. More than 10,000,000 wood oil trees and seedlings were grown last year.

Another important Hunan product is tea, of which the production, manufacture and marketing are government-controlled. The Hunan Tea Corporation loaned \$3,000,000 last year for improving the quality of tea. On the other hand, it has collected more than 100,000 caskets of black tea. Hunan produces much brick tea, one of China's important barter items.

Rich in deposits of gold, silver, iron, copper, lead, zinc, antimony, and sulphur, Hunan is the busy working center for Chinese metallurgical experts. It is still an important center of heavy and mining industries in Free China.

Mexicans Denounce Oil Imperialism



Communist Party section in a recent demonstration of 100,000 in Mexico City against American oil imperialism.

Dies Called Stooge Of Oil Trust by Mexican Congress

Mexican Congress Leaders Sharply Criticize U. S. Imperialism for Flagrant Interference Against Nation

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, May 12.—The Permanent Commission of the Mexican Congress, in session yesterday, sharply assailed Dies, and Almazan for maneuvers directed against Mexico in complicity with the imperialist Standard Oil Company. Dies was called "an agent and stooge of imperialism."

by various senators and deputies who charged him to be the spearhead of a campaign against Mexico for the benefit of the imperialist oil companies.

"Dies is an agent of imperialism who when he did not oppose the buying of silver, the discontinuance of which was to be another pressure means to force us into a solution of the oil conflict, proposed to take Lower California or invented an investigation about Communist activities," Senator Gonzalo N. Santos declared.

"It is not just a simple coincidence," said Senator Leonardo Reynoso, "that when the oil companies attacked us some U. S. senators at the same time opposed the buying of silver. Congressman Dies intervened in our domestic affairs and the State Department sent diplomatic notes. All of them joined the game of those interests who are fencing against the Mexican people."

"But they have failed completely because those thousands of Americans who have visited us were one factor of propaganda showing the Mexican reality and because there still are some friends of Mexico within the Government of the United States able to arrest the influence of our enemies. An against the wishes and the opinion of Dies it has been shown that Mexico has a democratic regime with an eminent democratic government," Deputy Leon Garcia declared, concluding that so far as Mexico is concerned whatever Dies has to say is lacking importance because of his ignorance.

CONDemn HULL NOTE
Criticizing the U. S. government for its recent note in which also payment of Mexico's agrarian debt was being pressed, Deputy Adan Ramirez Lopez declared: "All the members of this Commission know perfectly well that despite the fact that the Mexican Government is paying for the expropriated lands and has already paid more than one million dollars, the American government has not been able to pay one single claimant simply because, like a large majority of Mexican landholders, the American landowners affected by the expropriation cannot show a clear title to the land."

General Almazan, reactionary candidate for President, was denounced as working in full complicity with the imperialist oil companies. "Proof for this conspiracy can be seen in the fact of that candidate's absolute silence at the moment when Mexico was facing as serious a problem as the pressure from the imperialist oil companies exemplified by the note of Yankee imperialism," senators and deputies state.

Newspaper information, which has appeared in the United States as well as in Mexico, to the effect that the arrangement with the Sinclair Oil Company is lacking any basis because Congress has not approved it," Deputy Leon Garcia demanded, "must be answered immediately in order to deprive such statements of their tendentious meaning."

The Permanent Commission of the Mexican Congress then passed the following two resolutions: "The Permanent Commission applauds and fully supports in every detail the Mexican Government's answer to the note of the Government of the United States of America. The Permanent Commission is ready to immediately take all steps for the approval of the economic agreements President Cardenas has contracted with the oil companies for, we consider them agreements of honor of the Mexican people."

Other greetings and speeches were given by Rev. Owen Knox, of the Michigan Civil Rights Federation by Walter Smethurst of the CIO, and by State Senator Stanley Nowak.

Greetings were received from America's outstanding labor figure, Tom Mooney, who in a fighting message pledged support and called upon the women for greater efforts and demonstrations against war.

Greetings came from that beloved women's leader and fighter for peace, Mrs. Meta Berger, whose message received loud applause. President Whitney of the Railway Trainmen and President R. J. Thomas of the A. U. W. C. I. O. wired greetings and support to "Auto women and mothers in their worthy fight for peace and to keep America out of war."

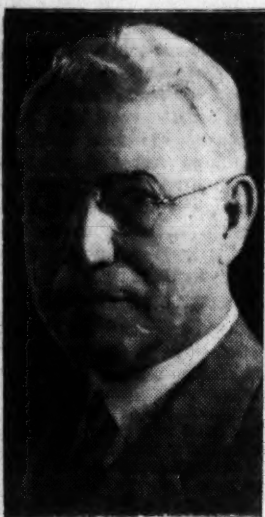
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Rail Union Leader Exposes Drive to Cut Insurance

A. F. Whitney Blasts Rail Association's Move to Reduce Jobless Insurance Tax; Calls for Increased Benefit Payments

A. F. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, issued the following statement today in connection with the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act:

"The Association of American Railroads has begun to propagandize in favor of a reduction in the three per cent railroad unemployment insurance



A. F. WHITNEY

Negroes Win Damages for Lynch Attack

Federal Court Awards \$9,000 to Seven Who Suffered Beating

NEWARK, N. J., May 12.—In a blow at the spread of lynch spirit to New Jersey, a jury in Federal Court yesterday awarded damages totaling \$9,000 to seven Negroes in their suit against nine white young men who beat and otherwise mistreated them last August.

The Negroes, including one woman, were migratory farm hands working in the potato fields near Cranbury last summer when they were assaulted by the hooligans who demanded that they leave the state.

The Negroes were covered with white paint, beaten and fired at by pistols. The jury awarded \$2,000 each to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Preston of Georgia and \$1,000 each to William Morton, O. D. Streeter and his brother, Louis Streeter, and James Jordan, all of Florida, and Monroe Holmes of Pennsylvania.

The defendants, whose ages range from 18 to 24, were Howard Wiley, Herman Meyer Jr., Henry Eifert, James Quinn, Raymond McDuffie, Benjamin Gavett, Lawrence E. Ward, Kenneth Applegate and James Strebelsky, all of whom live in Cranbury or its vicinity.

The same group pleaded no defense to charges of assault last September in New Brunswick in connection with the attack and were put on probation.

Jersey Picnic to Hear Browder Radio Address

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, May 12.—Earl Browder's nation-wide radio address to be broadcast from the Communist Party Nominating Convention in Madison Square Garden on Sunday, June 2, will be heard through special amplifiers at the annual picnic of the Communist Party of New Jersey.

William Norman, head of the picnic arrangements committee, has also announced that special plans have been made for a series of baseball games, a ping pong tournament, folk and ball room dancing and supervised children's games.

Arrangements have been made for buses to leave from 512 Clinton St. and 53 Broome St., Newark, from 10 A. M. on, for transportation to Grove, Clark Township, Rahway.

Jumps Before Subway Train; Lands in Jail

Jack Smith, 24, of 207 Seeley St., Brooklyn yesterday was sentenced to 30 days in jail in Brooklyn because he jumped in front of an Independent Subway System train at the Hoyt Street station. Smith had been drinking.

Refute Claim of No Lynchings This Year

NAACP Pushes Drive for Passage of Anti-Lynch Bill

Refuting the statement released Thursday, May 9, by the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching, that the period from May 8, 1939 to midnight, May 8, 1940, may be regarded as a "Lynchless Year," the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People pointed to three lynchings, all of which took place in Georgia during the month of March, 1940 as evidence that this period was by no means barren of this crime.

Meanwhile, Walter White, N. A. A. C. P. secretary, was in Washington this week conferring with Senate leaders, including sponsors of the anti-lynching bill, in a desperate effort to secure a date for taking up the bill before Congress adjourns early in June.

The list includes one woman and two men (all white). All were beaten to death by mobs, dominated by or made up of members of the Ku Klux Klan. All the lynchings took place in or near Atlanta, Ga. The list and the dates when the lynchings occurred follow:

Sarah Rawls, March 2; Benton Ford, March 2; Ike Gaston, a white barber, March 7. Miss Rawls and Ford were taken from their parked automobile in a Lovers Lane and charged with immorality. Gaston was charged drinking too much.

Association officials also pointed out that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Fulton County, Georgia grand jury had revealed that some thirty persons in this area have been beaten by mobs and the Ku Klux Klan during the past twelve years.

UNPUBLISHED LYNCHINGS

The manner in which lynching statistics may be distorted to give aid and comfort to southern reactionaries who "scream of civil rights," and tell us that "lynching is dying out," was revealed by Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in a speech before a mass meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky, Friday, May 4.

"Lynching is not dying out," the lawyer said. "Lynchings have merely adopted the subcommittee technique. Instead of a large, noisy mob, a small group of five or six persons now kidnap the victim and maim or kill him. If it is a killing party, the body is sunk in water with heavy weights. Those kind aren't reported and so they tell us that lynching is dying out."

Marshall was referring to a report published in January of this year, entitled "Lynching Goes Underground," which reveals a southern white N. A. A. C. P. investigator's story of how lynch victims are done away with quietly by a few persons instead of by large mobs.

"What can and should be done, however, without emasculating the insurance fund, is to increase the benefit payments beyond the present meager average of less than \$15 for a half month period. This would enable the jobless to weather the storm in much better shape than under the present set-up, when unemployment means a sharp reduction in living standards and consequent drastic deflationary effects on our economy."

THE 1932 WAGE CUTS

"In 1932 the railroads, pleading poverty, hounded the employees into accepting a 10 per cent wage deduction. The result was an intensification of the crisis. In 1938 the carriers sought a 15 per cent wage cut, estimated to average \$250,000,000 a year. This unholy demand was successfully resisted by the firm stand taken by the railroad workers. Today the Iron Horse again cries 'Woe!' This is not in good faith. The first three months of 1940 brought the Class I railroads of the United States a net railway operating income of \$115,107,762. The first eight railroads reporting first-quarter earnings for 1940 showed an increase of 150 per cent over the same period last year."

"Until it can be demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that our economic system is functioning in such good order that we do not have to give much thought to providing for a rainy day, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will vigorously oppose any proposed reduction in the present railroad unemployment insurance tax rate."

"At the same time, our brief experience with unemployment insurance has shown us the desirability of increasing the benefit payments substantially beyond the present low figures. Let us have unemployment insurance, not half-way measures."

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Investigates Mine Conditions



Sec. of Labor Frances Perkins about to enter a mine during her visit to the Tri-state district in connection with the recent conference of health and housing in the lead-zinc area.

'Anti-Trust' Chief Has New Union Busting Plan

Thurman Arnold Moves for Hamstringing 'Regulation' of Unions in a Manner Suspiciously Akin to the NAM

In one of the most far reaching steps that has yet been taken toward government "regulation" of unions, Thurman Arnold, Chief of the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice revealed a plan whereby his department intends to place its O.K. on union practices or contracts before they

The instrument through which this "regulation" would be carried out is the Sherman Anti-Trust Act upon which more than 200 union officials and 58 unions have been indicted to date.

PLAN IS READY

Arnold formulated his plan in a document he sent to the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor at Pittsburgh last week. That convention adopted a resolution vigorously assailing Arnold and branding his misuse of the Sherman Act as a step towards "government control" of unions.

The policy announced by Thurman Arnold, published in the current issue of News and Opinion, publication of the New York Building Trades Employers Assn., is ostensibly to help avoid union prosecution.

The plan provides that in contract negotiations clauses having to do with "restraint" of interstate commerce, be submitted for approval to the anti-trust division.

Arnold's proposal to the unions is quoted as follows in News and Opinion:

"First the labor organization may submit to the Department of Justice a full statement of the

Department of Justice, is through the medium of "consent decrees" in courts. In those decrees a union in advance submits to the department a right at any time to inspect its books and otherwise enter the picture to prevent so-called "restraint" practices. Arnold agreed to make such plans for contracts, or union activities as he O. K.'s a part of a consent decree if his department finds "the proposal appears in the public interest." The consent decrees have the added force of a court to hamstringing a union.

Efforts to bring about government interference or "regulation" of unions have frequently aroused labor union to militant protest. Immediately after validation of the Wagner Act by the Supreme Court a general howl went up from the National Association of Manufacturers and Chamber of Commerce for "balancing" laws to "regulate" labor. Incorporation of unions was one of the schemes proposed. It is now clear that the Sherman Act is to be made to serve the purpose open shop trusts against the union rather than serving the cause of the people against the robber trusts.

Housing Authority Okays B'klyn Project

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).—The U. S. Housing Authority yesterday approved a \$2,796,432 contract with George F. Driscoll Co., Brooklyn, for construction of the "East River Houses" in New York. The housing project calls for construction of homes for 1,170 low-income families now living in slums. Officials of the authority said work would begin May 30 and would be completed within ten months. The contract included the plumbing, heating and electrical work. About 6,500 workmen will be employed on the project.

G-MAN CONTROL

"This plan has been adopted because it is not fair to keep any organization under the hazard of a criminal prosecution where it has submitted to the department all the facts and has been unable to receive a definite answer."

"Submission of the facts of a proposed action under the circumstances is ordinarily all that labor unions require for their protection."

Another part of the plan to bring union's under a controlling hand in

SOUTHERN COLLEGE STUDENTS HEAR HALL EXPLAIN C. P. PROGRAM

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 12.—Students at Birmingham-Southern College here this week defied a local red-baiting campaign to invite an official spokesman for the Communist Party to appear before them and present his Party's position.

The occasion was a discussion on "An Economic Program for the South" held at the college cafeteria on Wednesday, May 8. The program was sponsored by the Treadors Club, a student discussion group whose members are economics majors. Speakers were R. F. Hall, Alabama secretary of the Communist Party, and Col. John D. Hall, a prominent Birmingham corporation lawyer and a colonel in the army reserve.

About fifty "Treadors" were present, packing the small room in which these discussions are usually held so tight that more chairs had to be brought in.

HALL WARMLY RECEIVED

Mr. Hall opened his remarks by telling of the campaign of prosecutions on trumped up charges which the government is waging against the leaders of the Communist Party. He showed that these prosecutions were part of an attempt to stifle the voice of the Communist Party and keep its message from teaching the people, as well as an attempt to terrorize and intimidate all labor and progressive movements.

"Much as I appreciate the honor of being invited here," Mr. Hall stated, "I realize that that invitation does not come because you are Communists or Communist sympathizers, but because you want to hear for yourselves what the Communists have to say and judge for yourselves whether you agree with it. You are curious to know what this thing is that Martin Dies and Mabel Jones West are so anxious to keep you from hearing."

This statement was received with laughter and applause by the students. Mabel Jones West is the local equivalent of Mrs. Elizabeth (Red Network) Dilling.

Mr. Hall then presented a well-rounded economic program for the South, calling, among other things, for Federal action against farm tenancy, Federal aid to education, a continued campaign for the Wagner Health Bill "in spite of the fact that the Roosevelt administration and the Democratic Party have deserted it," support of the anti-lynching bill, the Geyer bill for the elimination of the poll tax, and the Pepper-Marcantonio bill to create three million jobs, measures to increase farm purchasing power, raise wages and living standards, protect civil liberties and the right of labor to organize.

He also demonstrated that this program would only be feasible as a program for the welfare and democratic rights of the Southern people, both Negro and white, and that only a people's front, led by labor and including farmers, city middle class and the Negro people,

could put such a program across.

He also pointed out such a program for the South could only be carried out while America remains at peace and called for a determined fight against every step in the campaign of the Roosevelt administration to involve the U. S. in the imperialist war on the side of the British and French imperialists.

'CAPITALISM'S VOICE'

Hall concluded by stating that this program was not a program of "Communism" but a program of immediate action and by explaining why his Party regards socialism as the ultimate solution and dealing briefly with what socialism would mean to the South.

Col. Hill was introduced as "a representative of capitalism and the army" who would give the capitalist point of view on what should be done about the economic problems of the South. However, he offered no program and his only answer to the constructive program offered by Hall was to deliver a representative selection of the familiar red-baiting attacks against the Soviet Union.

Although he spoke warmly of his hatred for war he tried to involve the sympathies of the students on the side of British and French imperialism. "I want you to understand that I'm perfectly neutral in this war," he said, "I don't care who whips Germany."

Col. Hill also tried to appeal to race prejudice to offset the favorable impression made by Hall's

speech by stating that he was "unwilling to join John L. Lewis and my nigger brothers" on any program.

He devoted most of his speech to retreating before the students a case which he had lost for one of his corporation clients before the National Labor Relations Board.

Col. Hill's only contribution to the subject under discussion was a statement that he favored cooperative marketing associations for farmers. However, a few moments later, he exposed the fact that even this statement was made only for demagogic purposes by attacking the existing marketing associations for their "corrupt leadership."

SHARECROPPERS' 'SOLUTION'

As for the sharecroppers and other terribly poverty-ridden groups in the South, Col. Hill stated that the only thing that could be done for them was to "try to improve their outlook on life." In the discussion which followed, Hall answered this by saying that the only way to improve their outlook on life was by improving their conditions and giving them opportunities for education, employment and decent living standards which they do not have at present. This response brought immediate and spontaneous applause from the students.

Col. Hill's speech made a very poor impression on the students, as everyone recognized that he had dodged the entire subject of the discussion and presented nothing constructive on any subject.

Build the Party

- 1,400 New Members in April
- Entire Party Is Not Yet in Stride
- Dues Payments Reach New High

April shows over 1,400 new members joined the Communist Party. This is the largest month in recruiting since August 1939—and it comes in face of a new high in pro-war mongering and attacks against the Party.

It compares with 818 new members in March and 658 in February. But the National Committee of the Communist Party, in letters to all districts, stresses that the increase is due principally to the marked progress in several districts. Other districts have not yet joined in the stride. It is principally in New York, Illinois, Eastern Pennsylvania, Seattle and California districts where the pace is being set.

The results in those districts show what could be achieved in all others, the National Committee letter stresses.

Here are some figures that indicate the trend: New York recruited 585 in April (last week's figure was based on incomplete results) as against 306 in March and 189 in February. The indications are that May will be far higher than April. But the New York State Committee regards this showing as still far below the actual possibility.

California took in 294 in April compared to 89 in March and 71 in February.

Seattle shows 118 in April, 40 in March and 54 in February. Philadelphia shows 173 in April (the month of the Dies raids) March 82 and February 91.

THREE WEEKS TO GO

The pace set in those districts is still a modest one. But the rest of the country could reach at least that level with little effort.

There are only three weeks left to the National Convention of the Party when the membership drive is to be completed. The goals set in various districts to reach an increase in membership of 10 to 15 per cent could still be achieved.

Here is a good tip on one way to get new members. Make the Madison Square Garden nominating session of the convention on June 2 a NATION-WIDE SESSION. Arrange a session in your home town—in your home, in a hall, at picnic grounds—and invite friends and neighbors.

Let the National Broadcasting and Mutual Broadcasting networks bring you the speeches of William Z. Foster, Earl Browder and James W. Ford at 1:30 P.M. Let them do the recruiting for you. Let Sunday, June 2, mark the great membership recruiting day for the Communist Party.

DUES REACH NEW HIGH

Another barometer showing that the attacks against the Party have only steeled and brought wider support to it, are the dues payments for the first four months of 1940. The dues figure is higher than it has been in the four corresponding months in any previous year in the Party's history.

It shows that dues payments are more regular and that the Party's membership is involved to a greater degree in activities.

But there is also a danger signal! It is getting warmer and many people leave for vacations or otherwise lose sight of such details as dues and attendance at branch meetings. The war in Europe is not slackening. Neither is the effort to drag the United States into it. Communists this year particularly have the duty of keeping the Party's activity at an ascending, not slackening, rate.

BUILD PARTY IN THE OUT-STATE

In the new number of Party News, just off the press, one of the leading articles is headed: "Build the Party Throughout the State Areas." Every Communist, especially the branch and county leaders should read it. In substance it stresses that in many states Communist strength is almost entirely in several major cities, but no serious effort has as yet been made to spread the organization to the vast areas of smaller and rural towns—to many mining, steel and other industrial regions. The weakness in the farming areas is especially apparent.

The National Committee of the Communist Party sees at the present time, with the great interest in the Communist Party, its leadership in the fight against war, and the election campaign, a good possibility to reach out into new areas.

The rise in recruiting, in dues payments, and the success of the Party in its signature drives, all go to show that there is a vast fertile field. But it takes "pioneer Communists," pluggers, determined comrades, to put this over.

WATERFRONT SECTION STILL LEADS

New York set out to achieve a 15 per cent membership increase in the drive. There are sections in the state that have already passed that goal or will soon reach it. But there are many that have hardly made a start.

The Waterfront Section has boosted its membership by 21 per cent since March 1; East Harlem is almost 16 per cent; Schenectady 13 per cent, and Elmira grew by 10 per cent. Running near the 10 per cent mark are the 7th A.D. Kings branches; the Orange-Sullivan-Ulster section; Lower Harlem; 7th and 9th A.D., Manhattan; Albany and the Nassau-Suffolk section.

Among the sections that have made a late, but good, showing, is Harlem-Washington Heights with a batch of 30 applications. The midtown industrial section took in 74 members in April as against 33 in March.

Williamsburgh signed up 20 new members in the first week of May as against a total of 26 in all April. Other sections report that results in one week in May equalled or surpassed all April.

These few figures only show how far behind the trend the rest of the Party is.

A PHILADELPHIA PACE SETTER

I. Kostrow, organizational secretary of the Second Congressional of Philadelphia, describes the rise in his district as follows:

"This enthusiasm and consciousness to build the Party is already bearing fruit. The Second Congressional District has enrolled 53 new members out of a quota of 60, which the Section raised to 100, and most of the units are beginning to do their share."

"For example: a shop unit, No. 24, has doubled its membership of 13. The 7th Ward has recruited 13 out of a quota of 20, at the same time it met its financial quota, brought about 100 contacts to a recruiting mass meeting, and is doing a good job on Press and Literature."

"Some of the reasons for this recruiting are—constant visiting of contacts, activating the squads, arranging small recruiting parties and utilizing study groups."

Kostrow adds a public warning to the First Congressional that it faces certain defeat in Socialist competition unless it does "something drastic."

We look forward to some "drastic recruiting" from the First Congressional.

Jumping 4,000 miles to King County, Wash. (Seattle), a letter from the Party's executive secretary, Andrew Remes, says:

"As our campaign objectives, we set for ourselves, the following three-month quotas: a 90 per cent average dues payment, 100 recruits, and \$750 for the National Defense Fund."

"For the first two months of the campaign, we can report the following results: While we have averaged an 85 per cent dues payment since the first of the year, for the two campaign months of March and April we went over the top with a 91 per cent dues payment! On Defense Fund, we fulfilled the two months quota of \$500 one hundred per cent. On recruiting, we fulfilled our quota 77 per cent."

"Of the 51 recruits in the first two months, only 12 were recruited in March, but 39 were recruited in April, with 20 coming the very last week. Our April recruiting figure is the highest since the outbreak of the imperialist war, and if that tempo is maintained and increased, we should be able to go over the top in all campaign objectives."

Clip Out and Mail to:

Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists
799 Broadway, Room 525, New York City

I herewith contribute \$..... to the Defense Fund to help defray the legal expense of the appeal of Earl Browder.

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RUSH FUNDS FOR BROWDER APPEAL

Testifies at Civil Liberties Hearings



Sec. of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace as he testified before the LaFollette Senate Civil Liberties Committee on the social and economic problems of migrant farm workers. Left to right: Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, Sen. Robert M. LaFollette and Wallace.

75 Years of Negro Progress Features Ten-Day Exposition in Detroit

By William Allan

(Special to the Sunday Worker)
DETROIT, Mich., May 12.—Detroit and its people are host to the Exposition of 75 years of Negro Progress now being held here. It will run from May 10 to May 19. Organized by the Negro people in the industrial, scientific, arts and labor field the exposition is attracting thousands of Negro and white people from all over the nation.

A survey of the exposition vividly dramatizes the ability and initiative of the Negro people of the U. S. In the field of science an exact replica of the laboratory of that outstanding Negro scientist, Dr. George W. Carver, is shown with demonstrations continuously going on of how this Negro scientist makes over 200 products from various agricultural products.

Due to illness Dr. Carver himself is not present. But the exhibit draws large crowds daily, applauding the achievements of this great American.

In the aid of labor the Congress for Industrial Organization has one of the outstanding booths and exhibits. Drawings depict the position of the Negro industrial workers before the entrance of the CIO regarding wages, work and hours. A time table of the achievements of the CIO in the field of organizing the Negro is arousing great attention.

In the Briggs plant known years ago as the slave pen among Negro workers, total wage increases since 1937 when the UAW-CIO first began organizing amount to 74 to 104 per cent.

WAGE INCREASES

The table is as follows:
Spraymen—1936 were paid—65 cents an hour. In 1940 their pay was \$1.30.
Dioxide cleaning—1936 were paid—55 cents an hour. In 1940 their pay was 88 cents.
Wet sanders—1936 were paid—55 cents an hour. In 1940 their pay was \$1.03.
Wash off—1936 were paid 50 cents an hour. In 1940 their pay was 88 cents.

This and many other improvements such as all Negro workers now in the UAW-CIO on their jobs receive, vacations with pay and time and a half for overtime and get paid for two hours if they are called to work when there's no work available.

The AFL has also an exhibit but sadly lacking from its appeal to the Negro workers to join their unions is the record of the CIO in the aid of improving working conditions and higher wages.

Huge pictures are evident in the CIO exhibit of leading Negro trade unionists who hold high offices in local unions. Also the CIO men are active in signing up Negro workers who visit the CIO exhibit.

IN THEATRE

The Negro theatre and its achievements are prominently displayed. Here the struggle of the Negro to finance, promote and bring to the great masses of Negro people the historic struggles of their people is a story of endless work and sacrifice.

In speaking to Robert Hayden, poet Negro dramatist, actor and poet who has written numerous poems and plays, he told of how the Negro young people today are struggling to build a proletarian theatre in Detroit.

"Bob" has organized the Paul Robeson Players who recently did "Drums of Haiti" by Langston Hughes, with signal success.

Bob himself wrote and directed and acted in "Go Down Moses" which was received well by Detroit critics. "Go Down Moses" was written around the days of the life of Harriet Tubman and was a smashing indictment of slavery. "We are exhibiting certain of the achievements of the Negro theatre" said

Hayden, "at this seventy five years of Negro progress in order to show that plays of social significance can be produced and appreciated by the Negro people."

Hayden, who is in danger of the theatre exhibit at the exposition has himself played in "Emperor Jones" "Stevedore," "Bury the Dead" and "Waiting for Lefty."

The exhibit which will last for 10 days will feature youth days, women days, science day, fraternal day. Visiting and participating in the seventy five years of Negro progress will be such outstanding Negro people as Marian Anderson world famous singer, Joe Louis—heavyweight champion of the world, and others not yet announced.

Towering high over the exhibit are the immortal figure of the Negro leader, Frederick Douglass, whose life work is dramatized in many forms in the exposition.

There also is the statue of Sojourner Truth with many pictures and incidents in her life portrayed. Michigan plays a prominent part in the exhibit, with great crowds gathered around the pictures of Michigan's maps showing the underground railroads that were used by the fleeing Negro slaves.

The Michigan modern bookstore has on exhibit and for sale, books of Richard Wright, such as Native Son, Uncle Tom's children. Books by the two outstanding Communist Party leaders James W. Ford and Henry Winston are also prominently displayed and receiving good sales.

Despite the patronizing tone of the Detroit Tory press, their columns have been forced to admit that this seventy five years exposition of Negro progress is something to see and is a real contribution to the culture, science, arts and labor movement of America.

CIO Condemns Gearing Nation To War Trade

Proposes Business, Gov't Center Attention on Solving Unemployment

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ports have failed to support the level of domestic industry. "Government officials have pointed out that employment for March 1940 is higher by about a million than March of last year. That is true, but the March 1940 employment was also about a million less than December 1939 employment. Such a comparison seems more significant."

The Outlook declared that "the index of industrial production is continuing to drop slowly and cited the Federal Reserve Board index of 101 for April compared to 103 for March."

Most important new economic information of the past month was brought out in testimony by CIO leaders on technological displacement of workers by machines before the temporary national economic committee, the Outlook said. Testimony by eight CIO union leaders at recent TNEC hearings revealed the following facts, the Outlook declared.

1. "None of the unions opposed increased efficiency and productivity as such."

2. "Increasing productivity in the basic industries has forced an absolute reduction in the number of workers employed and a reduction in the share of income going to workers."

3. "Industry has introduced machines with little regard for the constant human tragedies and the destruction of cities and towns."

4. "In most of the industries considered the products of increased efficiency have not been passed on either to workers or to consumers in any substantial measure."

5. "If it had not been for the extensive reduction of hours and increase in hourly wage rates brought about in the main by organized labor, the consequences of technological change would have been even more devastating."

6. "Agricultural and clerical employment no longer offer an outlet for new workers entering the labor market."

7. "In most cases the new machines have not induced new employment in new industries or old industries sufficient to absorb the originally displaced workers."

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Noted Liberals Call for Probe of Dies Committee

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Clifford T. McAvoy; Prof. Harlow Shapley of Harvard; Prof. Josephine Truslow Adams of Swarthmore; Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild of N.Y.U.; and Freda Kirchwey, editor and publisher of "The Nation." The signers of the OPEN LETTER expressed the fear that "violations of minority rights, sanctioned and participated in by so responsible a body, should inevitably and insidiously lead, as in certain European countries, to suppression of the rights of all the people."

The undersigned view with growing apprehension report after report of violations of the U. S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights by the Dies Committee and its agents in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Los Angeles, El Paso, Birmingham, and even at its hearings in Washington," the letter began.

After citing recent decisions by Federal Judges F. Dickinson Letts and George A. Welsh in which activities of the Dies Committee agents were characterized as violations of the Bill of Rights and the Civil Liberties Statutes, the signatories stated "Not to take a stand now against this conspiracy to violate the Bill of Rights by the Dies Committee would indeed be to put the seal of approval on content and defiance of the basic laws of the country by a body sworn to uphold them."

They then called to mind a statement issued in 1920 in which Justice Felix Frankfurter, Roscoe Pound, Ernest Freund and nine other justices, containing similar constitutional violations by Attorney General Palmer and his staff. "Here is no question of a vague and threatening menace, but a present assault upon the most sacred principles of our constitutional liberties."

"We are not here in any way expressing an opinion on the philosophy or program of the victims of these illegal acts. We speak as American citizens profoundly disturbed to find a Congressional committee violating the constitution of the U. S.," the OPEN LETTER continued.

The LETTER closed with a request that Attorney General Jackson investigate the activities of Dies Committee agents and that "our representatives and senators move in each House of Congress for the formation of an adequately financed committee to investigate the Dies Committee agents and propaganda and urge the dissolution of this committee should investigation prove its actions detrimental and dangerous to American democratic institutions."

The signers of the OPEN LETTER follow:
Dr. Harold Aaron, Dr. E. Stanley Abbott, Comfort A. Adams, Prof. Josephine Truslow

Yergan Speaks Tonight at Congress Rally

N. Y. Councils to Launch Drive for Negro Congress Program

Councils of the National Negro Congress in Greater New York prepared to perfect their organization and to launch a wide fight for their programs for Negro rights, according to announcements issued yesterday.

The New York Council stated that a public meeting would be held tonight at which Max Yergan, new national president of the Congress, would make a report on the Third Congress which ended its three-day sessions in Washington April 28.

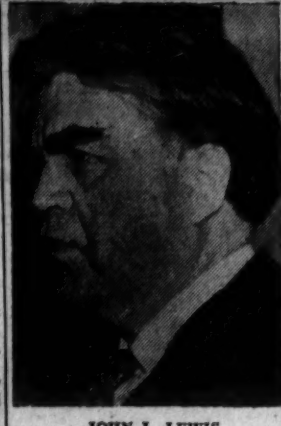
The meeting will take place at the Little Theatre of the Harlem Y. M. C. A., 180 W. 135 St., at 8 o'clock.

The Brooklyn Council announced the election of new officers and the launching of a \$1,000 campaign to carry out the program of the Congress in the Brooklyn community. Committees were set up on membership, affiliation, publicity, finance, tenants problems, civil liberties, trade union problems, general welfare and other issues.

FIGHT FRAMINGS

New officers elected by the Brooklyn council include: Malcolm G. Martin, national executive board member of the Congress, 1284 Quincy Street, president; Ann Arnold Hedgeman, the Rev. Theophilus A. Alcantara, Priscilla Jackson, Cressie Roberts, Louis Manning, Earl Guinier, Mary Harden, Thomas Jones, George Holbert, Robert Campbell, vice-president; Dorothy Punn, vice-president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People branch, Executive Secretary; Eleanor Oodling, recording secretary; and Margaret Brown, treasurer.

The Council announced it will immediately begin a campaign in support of the fight for the freedom of John Williams, framed Negro worker, whose "rape" conviction has been reversed three times by appellate courts. They will give testimonial dinner to President Yergan. A campaign against widespread housing and job discrimination against the Negro people in Brooklyn will be launched.



JOHN L. LEWIS

Lewis to Speak At Convention Of NAACP

Parley Scheduled for Philadelphia on June 18

John L. Lewis, chairman of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, will address the opening session of the 31st annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, when it meets in Philadelphia June 18.

This announcement was made yesterday by the NAACP from its national headquarters, 69 Fifth Ave. Fresh from his success at the National Negro Congress in Washington in April, it is expected that the noted labor leader will invite the NAACP to cooperate with Labor's Non-Partisan League to advance the mutual interests of the Negro people and labor.

The Negro Congress accepted Lewis' offer by an overwhelming vote, and has met with LNPL and adopted joint action on passage of the anti-lynching bill and the defense of the Wagner Act.

On the same program with Lewis will be Alderman Earl B. Dickerson, Negro leader of Chicago, whose subject will be the "Negro and the Franchise," and president Arthur B. Spingarn of the NAACP who will keynote the conference. Discussion of political issues is expected to highlight the conference, which will be held in Tindley Temple, Broad Street near Fitzwater.

I.L.D. Assails Ouster of Flynn From Civil Liberties Union

Gurley Flynn To Discuss Defense Group

Will Be at Committee's Offices All Week for Visitors

The Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists today announced that Elizabeth Gurley Flynn would be at the Committee's offices from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. for one week beginning Monday, May 13, to discuss with visitors the work of the committee.

The announcement stated that scores of persons have telephoned or written Miss Flynn for appointments since her notable defense before the board of directors of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"Miss Flynn has therefore, consented to set aside two hours every afternoon for discussions. No appointments are necessary."

The Committee's offices are at 799 Broadway, Room 525.

\$1,000 DONATION

The town of Williamsburgh, Virginia, birthplace of Thomas Jefferson, played an important part in a \$1,000 donation to the Communist Party defense fund.

A recently returned visitor described to a representative of the Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists his deep emotions at viewing the historic town, part of which has been preserved as it was in Jefferson's time, even to the costumes of the inhabitants.

While musing on the life and works of the great democratic and revolutionary who drafted the famous words "all men are created equal," he overheard a group of southern dawggers reviling the Negro people.

"I was jolted out of my thoughts of the past," he said. "I was struck by the incongruity of Jefferson's egalitarian ideals and the realities of Negro oppression." The next day, the Committee received a brief note from him asking that it convert his \$1,000 bill into an outright contribution for defense.



ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

Plan for Loan To Allies Stirs Congress Battle

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).—

A storm of Congressional opposition tonight hit proposals that the United States throw open her treasure chest to finance the Allied participation in the European war.

Sen. Hiram Johnson, R. Calif., author of the law, vigorously rejected this contention.

"Any attempt to repeal or modify the Act which bears my name will be vigorously contested," he said. "Experience in the last war taught us that the surest way to get into war is to let our money precede us. Then when more money is needed by the belligerents, we let them have it and then go into the struggle to protect our money."

"If we want to get into this war," Johnson said, "the way to do it is by making large credits and loans to those already in it."

Sen. George W. Norris, Ind., Nebr., only remaining member of the Senate who voted against America's participation in the World War, agreed with Johnson. "I don't see any reason to make any change," he said. "There is no use even to talk about it."

Chicago Steel Union Parley Starts Tuesday

SWOC Delegates Meet at Critical Moment in Life of Labor, Nation

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ations of the national parley next week.

The proposal for an upward adjustment of the wage scale in the steel industry was referred by the Joliet district parley to the national policy committee of the union.

The report of this committee will be one of the high points of the Chicago meeting.

The active anti-war stand of CIO president John L. Lewis, including his call for a broad coalition of labor, farmers, the Negro people, the Youth and the aged, will occupy the eager attention of the steel union delegates. His progressively outspoken condemnations of the Roosevelt administration's war policy, its war and hunger budget, and its jinking of the new deal program are a reflection of the deep desire of the masses of the people for peace, jobs and civil rights.

The stand of the United Mine Workers in their convention at Columbus, Ohio, last January, and Lewis' speech there, will serve as an inspiration to the steel workers assembled here.

Since the miners session Lewis has added greater weight to his words by talks to the American Youth Congress, to the miners gathered at Monongah, West Va., on Miners Day, April 1, and, most recently, to the National Negro Congress.

Response of the youth, the labor and the Negroes shows the way for the SWOC delegates.

NEW IMPETUS

Impetus to the organizing drive of the union has been given by the recent national labor relations board decisions in a number of "Little Steel" cases. These decisions can be used to great advantage by the convention delegates in their deliberations on the organizing drive.

In the case of the Borg-Warner Corporation's Calumet steel plant in Chicago Heights, Ill., for instance, the Labor Board ruled that the company must cease its intimidation of and discrimination against union members, and halt its use of labor spies, and must deal with the SWOC if a contract is agreed upon.

In cases involving Republic Steel Corporation—whose South Chicago plant was the site of the massacre of ten strikers on Memorial Day, 1937, during the late steel strike—the Labor Board has ordered reinstatement of men, with back pay.



Did You See the I.W.O. In the Parade?

WHAT you heard about most and what you remember most clearly about the May Day Parade are the children of the I.W.O. section. How alert! How bright looking! And those bands! What playing, what marching, what uniforms!

Along with the bands, did you notice the May Pole float with the words: "Immigrants All—Americans All" around which the children in their national costumes danced? Did you see the children carrying large shields saying: "Democracy, Peace, Fraternity"?

When you cheered and applauded the children you were applauding the training and development they receive in the Junior Section of the International Workers Order. You were approving the progressive educational, cultural and sports activities of the I.W.O. lodges.

"From little acorns giant oaks grow" were the words on a float in the children's section. Your child, like an acorn, has to be cultivated NOW to grow up strong, sturdy, clear-minded and progressive. Such development is the aim of the Junior Section of the I.W.O. That is why you should enroll your child NOW. Don't put it off. Childhood days are important and precious.

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War on the People's Breadbaskets

As President Roosevelt leads the chorus for American participation in the bandit war, the common people of the country are already feeling the pinch of the Administration's war-hunger policies.

The National Industrial Conference Board announced yesterday that the cost of living for WAGE EARNERS had increased one half of one per cent between March and April, according to the Board's monthly survey.

The rise is attributed largely to an increase in food prices, with increases in rents and other necessities following a close second. Food costs rose 1.4 per cent between March and April, making them 2.2 per cent higher than in April, 1939, and 30.8 per cent above March, 1933. Rents and other necessities were .1 per cent higher in April than in March. The purchasing power of the dollar was 116.4 cents in April compared with 117 cents in March and 117.6 in April, 1939.

The food trusts are taking full advantage of the Administration's war incitements, confident that they can gouge even more from the bread baskets of the common people, if they can push this country into the imperialist furnace.

The fight against these monopolies is just as much a fight for peace as it is against the steady rise in the cost of living. Labor, housewives, mothers and the people generally should organize in communities to curb the trusts and profiteers. "Starve the war, and feed the people" is the unanimous desire of the plain people of this country.

Curbing AFL Discrimination

One good sign that the Atlantic City convention of the Building Service Employees International Union got on the right track deserves more attention than it has yet received.

This was the passage of a resolution laying down the policy of ending discrimination against Negroes in union contracts. For a long time Negro members of the organization have sought to stop the practice under which they have received less wages in these contracts than white union workers.

The resolution, if carried out in the life of the union, halts this bad practice. We congratulate the convention on making this democratic move.

Its decision at Atlantic City reminds us that more than a dozen large unions in the American Federation of Labor continue to exclude Negroes from their organizations altogether. This is a grave reflection on these unions. The Building Service Employees International Union has helped to spur the drive in the AFL to do away for good with this evil.

There can be no let-up until full democracy, regardless of national origin, creed or color exists in the workers' trade union bodies.

Listening-In On June 2

Sunday, June 2, is a date Communist Party branches can well afford to remember.

It is then that the National Nominating Convention of the party will be broadcast over the National Broadcasting System and also over the Mutual Broadcasting System. The great interest in the meeting of the party is attested to by the fact that both of these big networks have allotted one-half hour that afternoon—from 1:30 to 2 o'clock Eastern Daylight Savings Time—to sending the proceedings of the convention over the air.

In addition, the Columbia Broadcasting System has given 15 minutes that same evening for the same purpose. All information on these broadcasts will be published from time to time in the Daily Worker.

What we would like to suggest earnestly is that these broadcasts be taken advantage of for recruiting purposes. If every branch throughout the country will arrange for a listening-in party on the first Sunday in June, with non-party people present, we are sure that it will be possible to bring in many new members on that day.

We hope that all over the country the branches will make the most of this splendid opportunity.

Letters From Our Readers

Misled by Propaganda During Last War—
Reads 'Daily' to Get Truth Now

Norfolk, Va.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was working at my first job for an insurance company when the U. S. declared war against Germany because of, or rather after, the Lusitania incident. I correct myself because at the time I thought it was because of the Lusitania incident. There was a young man working in the same department and he began to show me copies of a paper called "The Call." I was too uninformed at the time to understand much. But I do recall two things I saw in it. One was something about the American coffins that were being shipped across for our soldiers... and the other item about it being "Morgan's War."

Then, years later, it turned out to have been Morgan's War and everybody realized it after the Congressional investigation.

The local papers for the last few days when I was deciding whether or not to make the outlay of \$2 for your paper seem to have gone off the deep end. "We are for the Allies." "Of course we sympathize with England," and more in that vein. If one keeps one's head, one can see all the warring countries acting alike and one can't tell which country has the Hitler. And this, despite our "no foreign entanglements." Well, maybe your paper is seeing the truth, and I am older now, and although I missed my opportunity to subscribe to "The Call," I am availing myself of the opportunity to subscribe to the Daily Worker because it seems to issue the same warnings that paper did when I wasn't old enough to understand.

L. S.

Tells President—Too Busy Fighting War
Against Hunger and Unemployment Here

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed please find copy of a letter sent to President Roosevelt:

"After carefully analyzing the moves of the Administration within the last few months, I have come to the conclusion that you are heading us toward a new war."

"Therefore, please be informed that I am still engaged in the last war you declared—against the Economic Royalists, for the rehabilitation of the ill-fed, ill-clothed and ill-housed, for jobs at decent wages for all our unemployed who are willing and able to work, for the right to organize and bargain collectively, the preservation of Civil Rights, and the rights of minority groups."

"You were Commander-in-Chief of my army, but you have deserted and gone over to the enemy. But, we common people are made of sterner stuff. We are not disconcerted by Mr. Dies, the Associated Farmers or even the antics of rotten European governments."

"Until our present struggle is ended and our aims achieved, we shall be too busy engaged to consider any proposal for fighting a new war."

M. B.

Says General Graves' Book Great Influence
In Exposing Present-Day Yankee Aggression

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The readers' comments on what serial story would be best to follow "Johnny Got His Gun" has provoked considerable discussion.

Among those I spoke to, white, Negro, Spanish, Irish, Jewish, etc., made up of workers, professionals, white collars, etc., the selection was narrowed to two choices: (1) "Our Great Siberian Adventure," by General Wm. S. Graves, (2) "Native Son," by Richard Wright.

While it was agreed that the latter book was a tremendous advance in the field of literature, portraying the plight of the Negro people, despite its weaknesses in the portrayal of Communists, nevertheless Graves' book won out. In times like these when Yankee aggression is just raring to go into action several important things are necessary. (1) To point out to the American people that the workers of our country "have no bones" to pick with their Soviet brothers and sisters. (2) The role played in 1919 when America invaded Russia with troops, gave aid to the Allies, etc. (3) The suppression of the book should more than indicate what a tremendous influence this would have in exposing the ruthless aim of Roosevelt, Hoover, Dies, etc., to plunge us into war against the U. S. S. R.

The Daily Worker would increase its readers and thereby strengthen the people's ranks for peace, jobs, civil rights, etc.

S. K.

YCL Branch Pledges Continued
Aid to Strikers

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

We, the comrades of John Brown Branch, YCL, regret a serious omission that we made in reporting the news of the successful struggle against discrimination at the Bronx Roller Skating Rink, Third Ave. and 172nd St.

The boycott of the rink is still being carried on due to the rink's refusal to employ union musicians. We heartily support the picket line of the Musicians' Local and pledge to do our utmost in aiding them to win their strike.

Above all, we realize the necessity of supporting and aiding the trade union movement because it is through the workers' efforts that discrimination against the Negro people will be destroyed.

JOHN BROWN BRANCH,
YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE.

Wants Special Pamphlet on
Jewish Question

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Comrade Earl Browder has pointed out the necessity of bringing our message to the Jewish people who are concerned about the international situation, especially as it affects Jews everywhere. As you know, the American capitalists and fascists are attempting to divide the Jews by spreading lies and poison against the Soviet Union, the Communist Party and thus help to bring about war, anti-Semitism and fascism. In order to counteract effectively such capitalist tactics it would be a very excellent idea for the Communist Party to publish a special pamphlet on the Jewish Question as it is concerned with the imperialist war, the Soviet Union and the domestic situation.

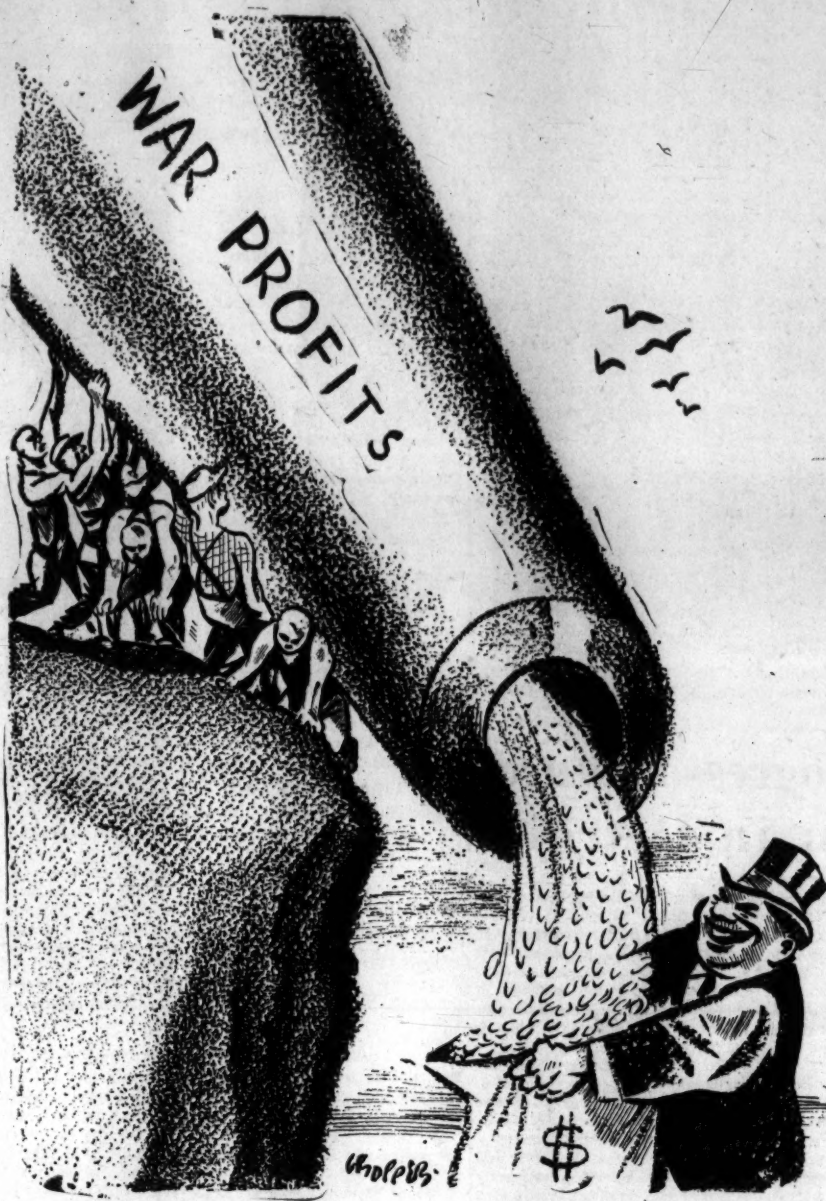
The Jewish people must be shown that those Jewish traitors, the Forward writers, the Jewish War Veteran leaders, the Dubinsky, the Waldmans, the Roses and the reactionary pro-war clique of the A. L. P. are betraying the Jewish people by inciting them against the Communist Party because it is fighting for civil liberties, for peace, for more democracy, for greater security for all people. If the Jewish people want to prevent pogroms, racial hatred, persecutions and discrimination they must not support the forces of reaction and fascism led by the capitalists' stooges, Dies, Hoover, Cahan, Dubinsky, Rose, Coughlin, etc.

A pamphlet like this has been lacking for a very long time in the Jewish movement and this helps the reactionaries to confuse and win some of the Jewish masses over to war and Social-Democracy. The rich Jewish traitors are sparing no money to knife their own people in the back. It is up to us with the help of excellently written forceful literature to defeat such treachery.

S. S.

On the Backs of the People

by Gropper



Both War Camps Are Enemies of Jewish People, Browder Declares

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the audience standing in his honor while the Yiddish Philharmonic Choral Society sang "Mir Zogen Zu," a song written and dedicated to his memory by M. A. Suhl and Max Helfman.

Steinberg, in his opening remarks, declared that "we are facing the present critical days realizing fully the responsibility that rests with us Jewish workers. We shall join the march of the rest of the people in the fight against war and for full liberation—for Socialism. It is in this spirit and understanding that we most cheerfully start the celebration of our Morning Freiheit, the only Jewish daily in America, that represents the desires, dreams, aspirations and true interests of our people."

Paul Novick, the editor of the Freiheit, was introduced to thunderous applause. Although his main address was delivered in Yiddish, he prefaced it in English in which he said of Abe Cahan, editor of the Jewish Daily Forward:

"Last Sunday a declining editor of a declining Jewish reactionary newspaper which has lost over one half of its circulation since the birth of the Morning Freiheit, delivered a speech here calling for war. It was the speech of a war-monger aiming to draw the United States into the imperialist war."

The hall thundered with applause when Novick declared: "This gentleman did not speak for the Jewish people."

"The Jewish people," he said, "are against this imperialist war. They are heart and soul with the 96 per cent of the American people who wish to have nothing to do with this war. This magnificent gathering of twenty thousand people is further proof of the sentiments of the Jewish people."

"The Jewish people are for the defeat of both Nazi and Franco-British imperialism, for the defeat of the Hitler, the Churchills, the Reynauds, the Daladlers and the so-called Polish government of the Hallers and other anti-Semites."

"Above all, the Jewish people want the United States to be kept out of this war."

WIENER GREETED

William Wiener, national treasurer of the Communist Party, and who was the first treasurer of the Freiheit when it was founded 18 years ago, spoke in Yiddish and was vociferously applauded both when he was introduced and when he finished his address.

Dora Rich, leader of the women's section of the Council of Jewish Communists, also spoke in Yiddish. Ben Golé, president of the Purifiers Union, brought wave after wave of laughter with his sharp wit as he launched into a collection speech which netted nearly \$5,000.

Browder was introduced shortly after 11 P. M. Describing the aims of the warring powers, he said: "The British, French and Ameri-

can governments are appealing to the American people for support to the war against Germany, on the grounds of 'defense of democracy,' 'Sanctity of agreements,' 'Independence of small nations,' and so on. "But these governments destroyed their own moral case by irrevocable involvement in the whole dirty imperialist game before the outbreak of the war, and have deepened their involvement since up to the present moment. They themselves built up the Nazi power, betrayed democracy in Spain, violated their own most sacred agreements, sold out the independence of weaker peoples—Ethiopia, China, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Albania—and openly boasted of their vile deeds, as purchasing 'peace in our time.'"

"All this they did, because they thought they were buying a Nazi war against the Soviet Union."

"But when Hitler, shrinking back before the mighty Soviet Union, decided it was less difficult to challenge those who had built him up and who had entangled themselves so deeply in his crimes and condoned them all, when Hitler double-crossed the double-crossers, only then did London, Paris, and Washington suddenly put on again the garments of virtue, proclaim a war for those very things they had sold out, but only after the only concrete aims of war remaining were their own imperialist bases of power, and their accumulated loot."

U. S. WAR GUILT

The United States today, he said, "shares in the full guilt for this war into which our people are asked to plunge more fully." He listed as successive steps of involvement the Roosevelt betrayal of Republican Spain, the recognition of Franco, the repeal of the arms embargo after war broke out, the intervention in Finnish Soviet relations on the side of Britain, and the present "protection" of Dutch overseas possessions now being proclaimed.

"The fight against American involvement in the war," he warned, "must begin to find new channels of expression, more effectively than previously, or soon, very soon, there will no more be a question of how to keep out, but, finding ourselves in it, it will be a problem of how to withdraw."

Dealing specifically with the effect of the war upon the Jewish people, Browder declared that it "is a great calamity for the Jewish people. The very lives of the Jewish masses in Europe are at stake; the Jewish communities there are threatened with destruction."

"Only in the Soviet Union, inhabited by five million Jews, one-third of the Jewish people of the world, are the Jewish masses able to pursue a peaceful existence, permanently freed from the fear of persecution and oppression, while building a happy and prosperous life in the new Socialist society."

"In war-torn Europe and in the rest of the capitalist world, the Jewish masses are faced with the

greatest tragedy in their all-too-tragic history."

"Yet there are forces in Jewish life, and outside it, that are brutally and callously trading on the tragedy of a people, taking cynical advantage of the Jewish people's profound hatred of Nazi barbarism in order to bring them into the war on the side of Allied imperialism which is equally destructive."

"Today," he declared, "with the exception of the Freiheit, practically the whole Jewish press is clamoring for support to the Allies up to the point of American entry into the war at the side of the Allies. . . . Last Sunday Abe Cahan categorically declared that it is impermissible to talk of peace until Hitler and the Soviet Union are crushed."

ROAD TO CATASTROPHE

"Such a position can only lead the Jewish people to catastrophe. It can only feed the forces of anti-Semitism on a gigantic scale. It can only mean lending support to the promoters of fascism and the backers of anti-Semitism, to those who condoned and made possible savage pogroms against innocent Jewish people, who helped to build up Hitler and were ready to excuse his brutal persecution of the Jews."

"This war," Browder said, "is an imperialist war, and the Jewish people, like the tolling masses as a whole, having nothing to gain from taking sides. It is not their war. There is no lesser evil in this war for the Jewish people. It is all evil. The alternative is not a victory for one or the other side, but a victory for the people over all the imperialists, a victory for laboring humanity."

"For, only those that toll and suffer and are themselves exploited and oppressed are capable of bringing freedom to the suffering and oppressed Jewish masses."

"The Jewish people in the U. S. are a great and vital part of the American people. They have it in their power to play an outstanding part in the struggle to keep America out of war. The Jewish masses want no part of this war. Their place is in the ranks of a mighty peace front of the American people that will put a stop to all plans to drag America into the war."

Although it was nearly midnight when Browder finished his address, the great audience remained in its seats for two presentations by Benjamin Zernach and his dance ensemble. The ballet "Yiddish Weddings" drew heavily on Jewish folk material and was performed to music composed of Ben Yomen, whose Folk Quintet accompanied it.

The other presentation was from the ballet "New Fields," with dances by Zernach. It was accompanied by the Yiddish Philharmonic Choral Society which had given a concert of songs earlier on the program under the direction of Max Helfman. The audience responded to the dance presentations with tremendous enthusiasm.

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

ON THE same day when the newspapers blared forth the news of Hitler's attack on the Lowlands, they carried a small item at the bottom of page one. In quiet and discreet tones it read: "Iceland Occupied by British Troops." It sounded for all the world like one of those society items which appear regularly in the press to inform the reader that "Mrs. Vincent Astor Occupies New Suite at the Sherry-Netherlands." True, the "capture" by the British Empire of the independent republic of Iceland with its armed force of 70 policemen was hardly a military feat to boast about. Nevertheless it was as much an act of illegality and brute force as the invasion of Holland and Belgium. But it suits the purposes of the American war press to paint the British ruling class at this moment as saints and to pretend that the British war against its German rival is being conducted under the generalship of William Shakespeare.

But while the press barely mentioned the subject, you can be sure that the "occupation" of Iceland was discussed at length on Wall Street and in Washington. For American imperialism is planning to do some "occupying" on its own. While Hitler "protects" Norway, Belgium and Holland, and Churchill "protects" Iceland, President Roosevelt is preparing to extend the blessing of his "protection" to Greenland, the Dutch West Indies, the Dutch East Indies and who knows what else. All in all, a fine crew of self-appointed protectors!

Since it is Great Britain that is "protecting" Iceland, we shall probably read little in the press about that country for some time to come. But suppose it had been Hitler who had done the "protecting." We should immediately be bombarded with a propaganda campaign about "cool, quiet little Iceland." We would be told that Iceland, along with Norway, Holland, Belgium and Borneo, is the real "outpost of American civilization."

It is now two weeks since Homer Martin announced his "retirement" from the labor movement. But, strange to say, there has been no collapse. The labor movement goes right on. In fact, nothing has ever affected the labor movement so little as the "retirement" of this boy prodigy double-crosser. Actually, Martin's "retirement" occurred more than a year ago but he didn't know it.

New York's 400 cavorted through the ballroom of the Hotel Astor the other night at the Allied "Relief" Ball. Most popular feature was a peep-show, where these defenders of "civilization as we know it" paid out their cash for a thrill. It might have been more appropriate if instead of a bedroom scene, the peep-show had disclosed one of the mangled victims of the present war. This would probably have been the closest that such people as Noel Coward, Prince Serge Obolensky, Princess Djordjadze and William H. Vanderbilt would ever get to the horrors which they are promoting.

The bureaucrats on the AFL Executive Council are divided over two methods of discussing the Administration's "anti-trust" drive against the unions, although they are agreed on doing nothing to stop it.

The Green-Tobin method: The aim of this method is to pretend that the union-busting drive in no way discredits President Roosevelt. You simply pretend that the drive is the work of Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold alone, that President Roosevelt hasn't even heard about it and that Arnold, a former Yale professor, probably takes his orders from the Yale football coach.

The Wall-Hutcheon method: Under this method you attack both Arnold and the Administration and pretend that the Republican Party of Hoover would never dream of taking such action and that labor therefore should chain itself to the G.O.P. in November.

Every rank and file union man who gives the "anti-trust" drive the serious thought it deserves, will recognize that it proves that today the Roosevelt Administration is as anti-labor as the Republican ever was and that labor therefore needs its own Farmer-Labor Party.

We may be mistaken, but it seemed to us that President Roosevelt ended his war-like broadcast before the American Scientific Congress the other night with these frank words: "I am a pacifist. . . . But I believe that by overwhelming majorities in all the Americas you and I, in the long run and if it be necessary, will act together to protect and defend by every means the interests and ambitions of Standard Oil in the Dutch East Indies, the slave-plantations of Firestone Rubber in Africa, the drive of General Motors for markets in China and the fight by duPont Chemical to edge out its competitors in Europe and Asia." But of course the President is astute a politician to use the last words in this sentence, although he had them in mind. Instead, he called Standard Oil "our science." Firestone Rubber became "our culture." General Motors was disguised as "our American freedom" while duPont Chemical showed up as "our civilization."

In the days before the war and before Roosevelt had smoked the pipe of peace with the Garnerites, he used to challenge the conservatives in the Democratic Party as "Yes but" men. Now Roosevelt reveals himself as a "Pacifist but." That three-letter word "but" is ominous for the peace of the country.

(Point of Order appears regularly on this page every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.)

Letters From Readers

Thanks 'Daily' for Bringing

Anti-War Novel to Readers

Editor, Daily Worker:

New York, N. Y.

My wife and I have been reading "Johnny Got His Gun" and wish to thank the Daily for bringing this fine anti-war novel. We would like to see you follow it up with "Native Son" by Richard Wright.

The idea of running a novel in serial form is an excellent one and has many advantages over the use of short stories. Many people who can't afford to buy the latest books will read the Daily, thus getting the story at no extra cost to them. Also people who read it occasionally will want to read it every day so as not to miss a single chapter.

We like "Woody" and the publication of his songs and music on the feature page.

We miss Harry Gannes and would like to know how he is coming along. We like your paper and think it is getting better all the time. Good luck to you all.

D. G.

Serializing Novels

A Swell Idea

Editor, Daily Worker:

New York City.

Congratulations on a swell paper! Serializing books in the "Daily" is a swell idea, and Trumbo's book was quite good, in spite of certain weaknesses.

If you could run de la Mora's "In Place of Splendor," it would be swell. The bourgeoisie may well fear the day when the masses learn the lessons that the Spanish struggle has to teach.

J. O.

CHANGE THE WORLD

The Soil Is Rich
But the People Go
Barefoot and Hungry
By MIKE GOLD

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico.—I spent this morning visiting a beautiful park that is as tropical as an American capitalist's dream. Yet it is only a few blocks from what is sometimes called civilization—the usual mulligan stew of pompously Roman banks, leprosy street beggars, auto assembly plants, halitosis buses, five and dime stores, cigar factories, workers' reeking wooden barracks side by side with modern apartment houses, and the like. Pour a jungle sun on this, surround it with United States battleships, penetrate well with an unusual number of U. S. army posts, forts, aviation fields, and you have the city of San Juan, capital of Puerto Rico.

The park lives its own serene life, however, and is a little gem of esthetic planning. It is named after Munoz-Rivera, an illustrious patriot who fought for Puerto Rican independence against Spain. His talented son, Munoz-Marín, leads the Popular Democratic party today, and writes articles for The Nation, whose fickle liberalism he represents in politics here.

My guide for the morning was a young musician with the smooth and husky build of a swimming champion. His story is typical. He always wanted to be a singer. Since there were almost no opportunities for such study here, he painfully saved for years out of his \$11 a week wages as a bookkeeper for an American company. He went to New York and studied for a year at a WPA school, living on rice and beans in a Harlem tenement. But then his money gave out. There were no jobs in New York. He came home. There are fewer jobs here. So like all of Puerto Rico, he sits and waits.

"That is the cañuca tree," he said, "I have seen it in New York homes—you call it the rubber plant." And yes, I looked again, and it was our familiar ornament that used to stand beside the bourgeois lace curtains of an earlier day. But here it was glorified, rising some twenty feet high, and full of potential auto tires.

"That is the St. Thomas tree. The Indians would paste its leaves on their temples as a cure for malaria. Those are wild coffee bushes, Indian coffee, we call them. The yellow nuts on those palms are not eatable coconuts, but have a delicate perfume we sometimes use."

Huge, ragged banana bushes, all the flamboyant blossomed vines of the tropics, the bougainvillea, hibiscus, jacarilla and lantana, a bewildering profusion and riot of colored croton bushes, rising to a man's height, delicately green bamboo, roses and lilies and cactus, what wealth of soil! What beauty and bounty Nature had lavished on this island!

You can grow anything here, and get two and three crops a year. But spinach, carrots and most other vegetables, beans, rice, beans, cheese, everything is imported from New York; the people live on rice and beans; imperialism has turned Puerto Rico into a sugar factory, and the people have no inch of their own land.

It was Saturday; the park was out, and down in the strip of weeds and sand by the ocean, there were two first-class examples of sandlot baseball going on excitedly.

There were groups of smaller children and their mammas in the park. Some of them stood around the big outdoor home of the parrots. They sang the rumba "La Cachita" to a gaudy old guacamayo parrot, and he really spread his wings and danced in perfect time to the music. Yes, sir, I saw it myself.

"Our children are talented," said the young musician. "They want to learn and do things. For instance, a little orphan boy once turned up at our Communist Party house. He slept on the table, and ate whatever scraps were handy. In a year he was reading, and in another six months he was devouring all the literature we had. It made somewhat of an indignation in him, naturally, and one day, in an argument, this boy wanted to quote Peter Kropotkin, but said it Petrokin. That's his nickname now—Petrokin. He found odd jobs, and supported himself through school. Now at fifteen, Petrokin is working his own way through a high school up in the mountains. He earns about \$3 a month. He insists on giving \$1 of this to the Party every month. Petrokin will be a good and intelligent man soon. And then what? There is no little future for our best sons and daughters. I suppose that is why I am a Communist—so that the genius of the Puerto Rican people will not forever be wasted."

The kids were singing another rumba to the jolly old parrot, clapping their hands and dancing with him. It was a lovely sight in that tropical frame of palms, sea, blue sky and riotous flowers. But a monstrosity in rags stole up and begged a penny—his eyes shifting for the park guard. It was a child, too, one of the sons of Puerto Rico cheated of the glorious birthright his Mother Nature had settled on him forever.

Radio Theatre Stars
Loretta Young on WABC

Radio Theatre presents "True Confessions," starring Loretta Young and Fred Mac Murray on WABC at 9 tonight.
Morton Gould offers another program of Symphonic Jazz Arrangements over WOR at 9:30 tonight.

SHORTWAVE BAND

Radio Center, Moscow, 6:00 PM, Italian,
7:34 MC, 7:00 PM, Spanish, 7:34, 15:34,
MC, 8:00 PM, English, 9:00, 12:00,
15:34 MC.

MORNING

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with Hal Halpern
9:05-WNYC—Masterwork Hour
9:10-WNYC—Condensed News
9:15-WNYC—Woman of Tomorrow
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On The Score Board

Still Sticking
With the
Reds and Yanks

By Lester Rodney

Today we'd like to glance back at our pre-season selections and stoutly reaffirm them. This might be the dizziness from success in picking the Jenkins-Ambers fight—it's surely some kind of dizziness, for the very smart tradition among sports writers is to let sleeping predictions lie—until they come right—and forget them otherwise.

To run rapidly over the order of predicted finish—it was Cincinnati, St. Louis, Brooklyn, Chicago, New York, Pittsburgh, Boston, Philadelphia in the National and New York, Cleveland, Boston, Detroit, Chicago, Washington, St. Louis and Philadelphia in the American.

Yesterday's standings, after a month of play, shows Cleveland second in the American League all right, but second to the Boston Red Sox, not the Yanks. Those noble heroes were a thumping last. In the National my Reds had just sort of smoothly overtaken the noisier and more headlined Dodgers in a manner that suggested the possibility of their staying up front for some time to come.

Well, obviously there's no mystic parallel to draw between the American and National League developments with one of my selections first and the other last. But I still like them both to cop.

I like the Reds for the same reason I liked them before the season—as follows: they were easily the best club in the league last year, mostly young, have been strengthening in their lone weak spot, left field, by the acquisition of Mike McCormick and now Johnny Rizzo, have far and away the most and most consistent pitching in the league and at least as shrewd a manager as any in Bill McKechnie. Rather than being demoralized by that inglorious World's Series defeat, they are very grimly determined to get back without much fuss and play the kind of ball they think they can. I have a feeling too that this Rizzo is going to get into the line-up and begin hitting the fences for McKechnie. When that happens the Reds are going to be much too good for anything else in the league.

I said in the earlier prediction, "Our Dodgers ought to give the Cards a hell of a fight for second place, with the bigger gap between the Cards and the Reds. One more hot winning pitcher would mean the pennant for the boys. I surely don't have to tell anyone by now where they could get him."

That goes double now, as the boys' pitching shows signs of wobbliness after the spurt start—and for the second part there have been enough resolutions coming in and columns written on the Negro ball players to make it unnecessary to answer the "Where you gonna get him?"

The Cards haven't looked like a second place team yet, but if you'll run down the batting percentages you'll find Messrs. Medwick, Slaughter, Stu Martin, Padgett and Mize all well above .300 and when pitchers like young Mort Cooper, Lon Warneke and Bill McGee get unraveled that hard-hitting aggregation is going to come a-roaring, past our Dodgers I'm afraid. Nothing that's happened so far makes the order of selection of the other five teams in the National League seem unlikely. We'll stand pat.

We've already said we expect the Yanks to come along like one of those championship horses that's been left at the post in the Hollywood race track thriller. Maybe we haven't made it emphatic enough. So to get it right here in writing—the Yankees to win the American League pennant, and if the Rednecks were a betting clan, that's the way the money would go down. The Yanks still have the best infield, outfield, catcher and long range pitching staff in the league. They're 99 and 9/10 pure and they'll be floating.

But withal, I'm still rooting against myself. The vision of Bobby Feller unwinding against the Dodgers at dear old Ebbets Field is the World Series picture that really gets me.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

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NEW YORK .001 110 000—3 10 0
Boston .000 000 020—2 9 1
Schumacher, Brown (8) and Danning; Posedel and Lopez.

(1st Game)
Cincinnati .101 040 001—7 9 0
St. Louis .000 000 000—1 4 3
Derringer and Lombardi; McGee, Russell (5), Lanier (9) and Padgett.

Pittsburgh .320 000 000—5 10 2
Chicago .003 000 040—7 9 0
Sewell, Lanahan (4) and Davis, Berres (8); Dean, Olsen (2), Ruffensberger (9), Passeur (9) and Todd.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Washington .000 000 011—2 6 0
Philadelphia .010 012 000—4 10 1
Chase, Jacobs (8) and Ferrell, Evans (8); Babich and Hayes.

Chicago .301 000 000—4 9 0
Detroit .000 200 100—3 8 1
Lyons and Tresh; Nelson, Trout (1), Gorsica (7) and Sullivan.

St. Louis .020 000 012—5 12 1
Cleveland .010 000 100—2 9 0
Anker and Swift; Hoffman, Harder (3) and Hemsley.

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**DETAILS ON
The Big 'Yanks Not
Coming' Game in
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NEXT ON THE FIGHT LIST



Davis Leads Big Garden Card Friday

Al Davis, the Brownsville "Bomb-er" will make his first Garden appearance since losing his fight with Lou Ambers on Thursday, May 16, against Tony Martellano, the East Side's contribution to the leading challenger class, in the ten round feature event.

On the same card, and scheduled for the eight round semi-final, are two other welter crown contenders, Steve Belleose, Bronx boy who tangles with Victor Delleur, Harlem.

The lad from Brownsville fought just once since he absorbed the beating at the hands of Ambers. In New Jersey recently when he stopped Teddy Baldwin in five bouts.

The victory stopped up speculation as to whether Al was off form that night in Madison Square because he displayed that ring craftsmanship in Hagueville that was conspicuously missing in his last New York stand.

Pete Lello, of Chicago who in his last appearance in New York drew with Sammy Angott, will meet Billy Bauhold, of Jersey City, in the second eight.

Up in the Bronx a good card has been arranged for the Coliseum's regular Tuesday night fights.

Tami Mauriello, undefeated welter, will try to sink the Canadian Navy's champ, Norman Hurdman in the first feature eight rounder and in the second Joey Iannotti, slashing New Haven featherweight will have to hurdle rugged Paul Lee to keep his undefeated record clean.

The third eight round card features Mickey La Marr, the fighting ice-man and Eddie Voccia Throgg's Neck.

Over in Brooklyn, at the Broadway Arena, up-and-comer Pete DeRuzza of Yonkers will attempt to mar Yussell Goldstein's clean record Tuesday.

Monte Pignatone, Bensonhurst's 130-pounder who slammed out Bobby Dance two weeks ago, opposes improved Harold Valon of Brownsville in the companion feature.

Pete Learned

Spring before last the Dodgers sent Pete Coscarart to Nashville on option because in 32 National League games he had a thin .152 where his batting average ought to be. Here's how the system pays off.

This year he was the leading hit-maker of Brooklyn's brilliant April winning streak with 13 safe blows.

On May — he hit his 2nd homer in three successive games, only one less than he made in the entire 1939 season.

Cronin Does Best He Can With Pitchers

Astute Red Sox Leader Has to Juggle 'Em—Wilson the Relief Ace

By George Kirksey
(United Press Sports Writer)

Picking flaws in the league-leading Boston Red Sox is the favorite pastime these days of the Grand-Stand managers. Their biggest beef is that Joe Cronin doesn't know how to handle pitchers.

"The Red Sox won't win the pennant because Cronin is so jittery he won't leave a fellow in after the fifth inning if somebody gets a loud foul of him," the summer-time equivalents of the Monday morning quarterbacks are saying. "He's another Ray Blades."

When Cronin took out rookie Mickey Harris in the seventh inning yesterday against the Yankees, with the score tied, 2-2, and one out, the grandstand critics yelled: "The Red Sox are losing the ball game." But after the ball game Cronin didn't look so bad. His relief man, Jack Wilson, stopped the Yankees cold and the Red Sox went on to win in the tenth, 3-2.

Twelve times in 20 games this season Cronin has taken out his starting pitcher, and six times one of his relief men has won the game. Only once has a relief pitcher lost the game. Three times a relief pitcher has saved a game for the starter who received credit and on two other occasions the game was already lost when Cronin started jockeying his moundmen.

Not having a Bob Feller on his staff, Cronin has to juggle his staff to get the best results. His plan calls for Jack Wilson, a strong fellow with a blazing fast ball, and Joe Heving, a veteran with plenty of savvy, to be ready for an emergency. Herb Hash, the Minneapolis rookie, has won three games in relief roles, but Cronin plans to promote him to a starting job when the Red Sox open western invasion at Chicago next week.

Wilson may become the "Fred Marberry of 1940," if he keeps up his brilliant relief work. Twice this week he has saved games started by Emerson Dickman and Jim Bagby, to say nothing of his victory over the Yank on Friday. In 10 innings of relief work spread over ten innings in five days, Wilson allowed only seven hits against the three toughest clubs in the league—the Indians, Tigers and Yanks.

Cronin's pitching plans now call for Dickman, Bagby, Hash and Harris to be regular starters, with Galehouse and Ostermuller being used in spots. Grove will continue to work once a week, with Wilson and Heving in the bullpen. Bill Butland, another Minneapolis rookie who has showed plenty of stuff, will be given his first prep soon under fire.

Because he's on the field and can watch a pitcher's stuff, Cronin calls for a relief man somewhat faster than a bench manager does. When a man starts to weaken, especially young fellows who still are acquiring that valuable thing called experience, Cronin does not hesitate to bring in a fresh pitcher. The past two years he's had the best record of any manager in the league with relief.

It is true that there are not enough publicly-owned, low-priced pools and beaches in New York City as yet. What we have come only after a hard struggle by the people. Many were constructed by WPA before the New Deal became the same old steal. While you fight for more recreational opportunities for your neighborhood, however, take advantage of what we already have.

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Ruffing Blanks Red Sox 4-0, Ends Losing Streak

DODGERS TRIM PHILS BEHIND FITZ, 5-3

Presnell Stops Threat in 9th as Boys End 2-Game Streak

Our bounding Brooklyn bouncers back into the win columns after two successive defeats had dropped them from the National League lead, beating the surprisingly tough Phils 5-3 before a big Sunday crowd at Ebbets Field.

Fat Freddy Fitzsimmons, making his second start of the year, huffed and puffed his way to his second victory, though he needed help from Tot Presnell in the ninth with two down. St. Johnson was the Philly starter. He was treated roughly and gave way to rookie Clyde Smoll.

Chuck Klein picked up where he left off Saturday, banging one over the scoreboard for a round tripper to start the second. The Dodgers took the lead in the third. Fitz was hit on the left elbow with a pitch. Charley Gilbert slashed a double to center, Fitz holding at third. Coscarart sent a long one which Aronovich plucked from the left field fence, Fitz scoring, and Pete Gilbert moving up. He scored on Walker's fly to left.

Our heroes jumped further ahead with two in the fourth on a double by Camilli, long fly by Lavagetto and successive singles by Gene Moore (old St. Johnson, killer playing right field this day) and Durocher.

The Phils came back in the 9th with the score 5-2 to score a run and fill the bases with two out. Presnell came in to get Martin on a sharp grounder to Coscarart, who juggled it, then got it to Durocher for a game ending force.

The Phils again today, then the Reds, who lead the Dodgers by half a game.

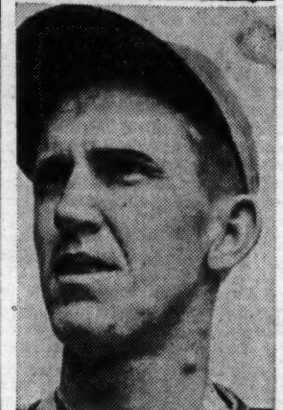
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St. Johnson, Smoll (4), Hoerst (8) and Warren; Fitzsimmons, Presnell (9) and Phelps, Mancuso (9).

What are your ideas on sports life in America? Join the big debate. Write Lester Rodney, sports editor.

Champs Look Like Champs Again with Sparkling Defense at Stadium—Ruffing Fans Eight

The news from the Stadium is that the Yankees gave every sign of a rapid return to championship form yesterday in beating the Boston Red Sox 4-0 to end that eight-game losing streak. It was not so much the victory itself as the manner of the doing. It was the old Red Ruffing out there, always in command, always ahead of the hitter, fanning eight. It was the old Yankee defense, with brilliant plays snuffing out enemy rallies. And enough base hits at the right time.

SPARKS GIANTS



JOE MOORE is one of the big factors behind the rise of the Giants to third place. Restored to the line up ten days ago, he began knocking down the fences. The Terrymen made it five in a row yesterday at Boston behind Hal Schumacher.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
TEAM	W.	L.	Pct.
Cincinnati	14	4	.795
BROOKLYN	13	4	.765
NEW YORK	10	8	.545
Chicago	11	11	.500
St. Louis	8	12	.400
Philadelphia	6	10	.375
Boston	6	11	.345
Pittsburgh	5	13	.280

GAMES TODAY
Philadelphia at Brooklyn
New York at Boston

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
TEAM	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	16	6	.750
Cleveland	14	7	.685
Detroit	12	10	.555
Philadelphia	10	12	.445
St. Louis	9	12	.429
Chicago	9	12	.429
Washington	9	13	.410
NEW YORK	7	14	.366

GAMES TODAY
Chicago at Detroit
St. Louis at Cleveland

Cramer doubled to start the ninth but Williams fouled out, Fox fanned for the second time and after Cronin walked, Red Ruffe made a sensational stop and throw to get Bobby Doerr and end the game.

There's an off day in the schedule today as the Yanks head West to start their first Western trip.

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Ostermuller, Wilson (8) and Peacock; Ruffing and Rosar.

Leading Hitters

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	G.	A.B.	R.	H.
Averill, Detroit	14	29	1	18
Wright, Chicago	20	83	14	32
Finney, Boston	19	81	14	31
Radcliff, St. Louis	20	83	11	31
Hayes, Philadelphia	19	83	10	30

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	G.	A.B.	R.	H.
Danning, New York	17	66	11	28
Leiber, Chicago	21	80	17	30
Moore, New York	14	51	18	19
Medwick, St. Louis	12	51	11	19
Young, New York	17	69	7	25

Learn to Swim: First of Those Two Easy Lessons You've Heard So Much About

Summer's Coming and It's More Fun When You Know How

By William Newton

Summer—and swimming—are not far off.

Everybody swims, or would like to learn how. Getting about in the water is one of the most enjoyable and physically beneficial of all sports and is one of the few forms of athletic activity open to most persons these days.

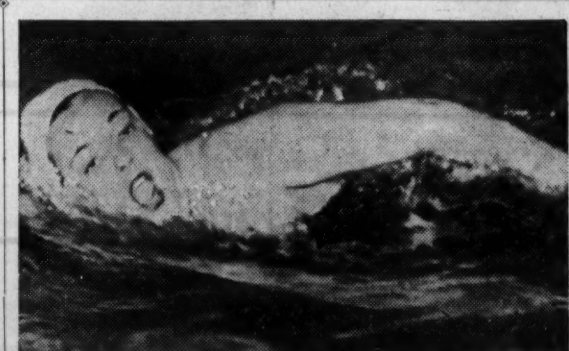
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ELEANOR HOLM's grace in the water shows the art of the successful swimmer. Scientific measurements show that good swimmers have deeper chests and broader shoulders than poor swimmers.

Here is what you should know about the water sport:

There are four basic parts to the swimming stroke—breathing, the position of the body in the water, the kick, and the arm movement. Let us consider these from the point of view of the crawl, the most popular and fastest stroke.

BREATHING while you are in the water—inhaling through the mouth, exhaling either through mouth or nose, or both—is exactly opposite to normal breathing. As your head comes above the water

during your stroke, you take a "bite" of air, and let it out with your head in the water.

If through experience you know that you choke and strangle with your nose and mouth under the water, that is because you breathe incorrectly.

To prove that the water will not run up your nostrils or ears if you breathe correctly, take a deep breath through your mouth, submerge your head (if there's no pool or lake handy, a basin will do), and exhale through

Do You Know How to Breathe in the Water?—to Float?

your nose. Open your eyes, and watch the bubbles drift upwards. Once you have proved to yourself now harmless and friendly the water really is, practice your breathing until it is automatic. Later you will co-ordinate your breathing with the rest of your stroke.

FLOATING is even easier than breathing. The human body floats because it weighs slightly less than an equivalent amount of water. Almost everyone can lie motionless in the water, provided he or she is relaxed and lets the water do the work.

Human buoyancy, therefore, is the basis of the swimming stroke. Try lying in shallow water on your back. Turn over. Lying on your stomach, legs on the surface, practice your breathing, inhaling with your mouth out of the water, exhaling underneath. See how easy it quickly becomes.

When you have become fairly proficient at breathing and at floating face down, you are ready to add the third ingredient of a good stroke: the kick. We'll give you that in tomorrow's concluding installment.